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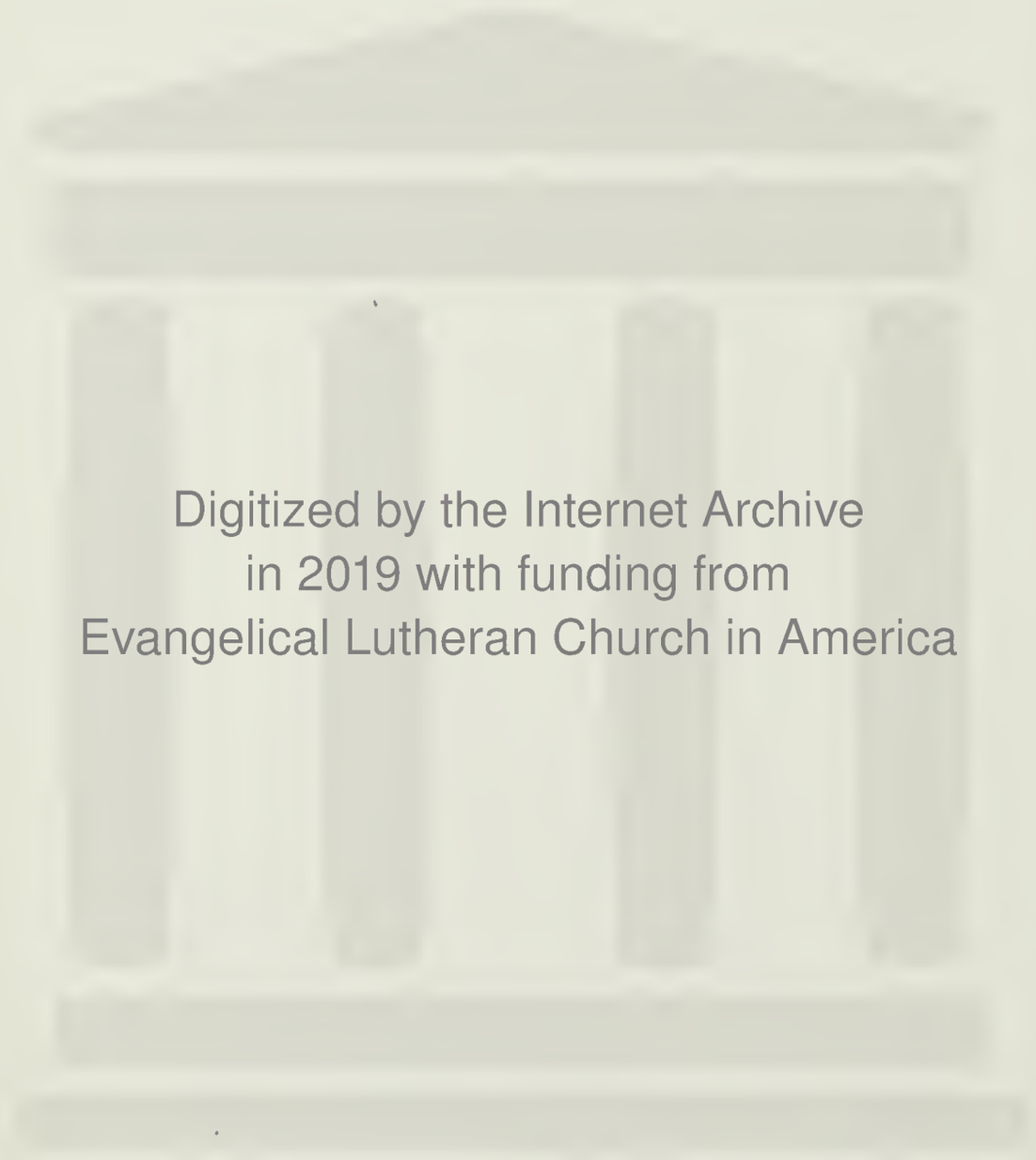

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH CONVENTION

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN NORTH AMERICA,

HELD IN

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
FT. WAYNE, INDIANA,

OCTOBER 5TH TO 10TH, 1893.

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MINUTES.

The Twenty-fourth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America was held in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Rev. S. Wagenhals D. D., Pastor, commencing Oct. 5th, 1893, at 10 A. M. After the usual preparatory services, the Convention was opened by the use of the full Common Service of our Church Book, conducted by thefirst Vice President, Rev. G. C. F. Haas and the English Re-cording Secretary. The Sermon was preached by Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D. D., from 2 Cor. 6:9: "*As dying, and behold we live.*"

FIRST SESSION.

Thursday, October 5th, 2:30 P. M.

The General Council assembled at the appointed time, and was opened by Vice President, Rev. G. C. F. Haas, by the use of the order contained in the Church Book. The roll of Synods was called and the delegates presented their credentials as follows:

Roll of the Council.

I.—The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., *ex-officio.*	W. H. Staake, Esq.
" S. A. Repass, D. D.	Mr. T. H. Diehl,
" S. Laird, D. D.	" Oliver Williams,
" F. J. F. Schantz, D. D.	" George H. Myers,
" W. A. Schaeffer,	C. R. Lantz, Esq.
" S. A. Ziegenfuss,	Mr. A. G. Saeger,
" J. L. Seip, D. D,	" O. H. Henry,
" F. W. Weiskotten,	" J. G. Finlay.
" H. N. Fegley,	
" M. H. Richards, D. D.	
" O. P. Smith,	
" D. K. Kepner,	
" S. E. Ochsenford,	
" F. Wischan,	
" H. Peters,	
" H. Douglas Spacth.	

II.—Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of New York and Adjacent States.

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. Geo. C. F. Hass, *ex-officio*,	Mr. L. W. Kaufmann,
" J. Brezing,	" J. Grohtusen,
" F. A. Kaehler,	" H. A. Ludder.
" C. G. Fischer,	
" J. Nicum, D.D.	
" G. C. Berkemeir.	

III.—Evangelical Lutheren Synod of Pittsburg.

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. J. Q. Waters, *ex-officio*.	Mr. J. B. Kaercher,
" W. A Passavant, D. D.	" H. J. Klingler,
" E. Belfour, D. D.	" N. T. Quales, M. D.
" J. A. Kunkelman, D. D.	Mr. Albert Saeger,
" W. J. Miller,	" J. Boyd Duff,
" J. C. Kunzman,	" Prof. S. H. Miller.
" H. W. Roth, D. D.	
" G. H. Trabert,	
" D. M. Kemmerer,	
" Alfred Ramsey,	
" W. A. Passavant Jr.	

IV.—Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio.

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. A. F. Siebert, *ex-officio*.	Mr. J. H. Feilbach.
" G. W. Mechling.	
" S. W. Kuhns.	

V.—Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod.

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. M. C. Ransen,	Mr. John Bodin,
" C. J. Petri,	" P. Edlund,
" L. G. Abrahamson,	" N. M. Swenson,
" C. A. Evald,	Olaf Sohlberg, M. D.
" V. Tengvald,	Mr. Frank O. Thuiln,
" P. J. Brodine,	" J. E. Venell,
" J. A. Brandell,	" P. C. Pearson,
" C. A. Swenson, Ph. D.	Prof. S. M. Hill,
" J. G. Hultkrans,	
" J. L. Hauff,	
" L. H. Johnston.	

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. S. Ohmann,	
" E. Rosenquist,	
" L. Holmes,	
" J. Teleen.	

V.—Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

Rev. A. R. Schultz.

VII.—Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Indiana.

Rev. M. L. Wagner, *ex-officio:*	Mr. J. D. Fritch,
" A. W. Walter.	" M. L. Deck.

VIII.—Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas.

No Delegate present.

IX.—English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the North West.

Rev. G. H. Gerberding, *ex-officio.*

List of Visiting Ministers in the Unity of the Faith With the Council.

Rev. W. A. Beates,	Amanda, Ohio.
" J. H. Hunton,	Lima, Ohio.
" E. O. Giesel,	Plattville, Wisconsin.
" E. Scherbel,	Middleton, Wisconsin.
" G. Kaempflein,	Janesville, Wisconsin.
" J. F. Beates,	Salt Lake, Utah.
" J. Wesner,	Defiance, Ohio.
" J. E. Wesner,	Paulding, Ohio.
" V. B. Christey,	Ellenton, Ohio.
" George Harter,	Hicksville, Ohio.
" Louis S. Marvick,	Moorehead, Minn.

The Report of the President, G. F. Krotel, D. D., LL. D., was read by the English Recording Secretary, received and referred to a committee as follows:

Report of the President.

Dear Brethren:

At the last Convention of the General Council ,at Buffalo, 1891, you accepted the cordial invitation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of the Holy Trinity, Ft. Wayne, Ind., to hold your next meeting, and to celebrate the twenty-fifth anni-

versary of your organization in this church in 1892. You directed your presiding officers and the Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D., the pastor of this church, to designate the month and the opening day of the meeting.

We began our correspondence in regard to it in February, 1892, but owing to a variety of circumstances, which rendered a change of the dates first agreed to, necessary, much time was lost before we were able to announce through the Church papers that we had selected October 13, 1892, as the day of meeting. Although some had objected to this date, on account of the Dedicatory ceremonies of the Columbian Exhibition, at Chicago, no other time in that month was available for our purpose.

Early in the month of September there was, in many quarters, considerable apprehension in regard to the spread of Asiatic cholera, which had appeared in the harbor of New York, and was supposed to have found a lodgment in the city itself. About the middle of the month it was suggested to me, by a number of brethren, that in view of this wide spread apprehension, especially in some parts of the West, and the possibility of a visitation of cholera, in our principal eastern cities, and in view of the fact that many of the delegates of several of our eastern Synods had already signified their inability to attend the General Council, if held at the time designated, it would be for the best interests of the Church to postpone the Convention until the year 1893.

Impressed with the opinion of thees brethren, I examined the constitution of the General Council, to see whether such a step could be taken. I found, in Article 1, Section 3, that "in extraordinary cases, the President, Secretaries and Treasurer may change time and place" (of meeting.) I immediately wrote to all the officers, viz. the Recording Secretaries and the Corresponding Secretaries, (with the exception of the German Secretary, Rev. J. Nicum, D. D., and the Treasurer, Wm. H. Staake, Esq., who were in Europe) briefly stating the reasons that had been given me, for such postponement, and requesting them to give me an immediate reply, by letter or telegraph. Within a few days I received their replies, all of which were in favor of the postponement. Therefore I immediately sent notices to each of our Church papers, to the Presidents of the District Synods connected with the General Council, to the Rev.

Dr. S. Wagenhals and to the agents of the railroads, with whom arrangements had been made. These notices appeared in due season and reached all for whom they were intended, so that no one set out for Fort Wayne.

Subsequently voices were heard, through our Church papers, suggesting the propriety of holding the Convention, postponed in this way, in the spring of 1893. I took the liberty to ask the delegations appointed to appear at Fort Wayne, to give a public expression of their preference as to the time of meeting, so that I might publish it in one of our Church papers. They did so, but I found that it was impossible to fix upon a time in the spring that would be acceptable to a majority, and therefore concluded that it would be best to select the season of the year hitherto chosen by the General Council itself.

In November, 1892, I also wrote to the Rev. Dr. S. Wagenhals, asking him whether the invitation so cordially extended by his people for 1892, was intended to hold good for 1893, and whether they had any preference in regard to the season of the year. He replied that we would be just as welcome in 1893 as we would have been in 1892; and that while the congregation would prefer meeting in the spring, any time most acceptable to the Council itself would be satisfactory to them. Upon further consultation, we agreed upon this day, the first Thursday in October, 1893, as the opening day of this Convention.

In my report to the General Council, at Buffalo, I presented a memorial from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (South) requesting the General Council to co-operate with it and other religious bodies, in petitioning the Governments of the World, to resort to arbitration, and to put an end to war. In regard to this, the General Council resolved: "That the President be requested to communicate to the Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (South) the assurance of the readiness of the General Council to co-operate in every way possible in "putting an end to war." Unfortunately, however, it was overlooked at the time, that the communication from the General Assembly had requested the appointment of a delegate, to represent the General Council in a Convention to promote this object.

The Convention was held in New York City, Dec. 17, 1891,

and I attended for the purpose of explaining what the General Council had done, and why we had failed to appoint a delegate. I was urged to remain and act as the delegate, but as nothing of importance was done, I was not called upon to assume any responsibilities. A few months afterward I was requested to appoint two brethren, and to act as their Chairman, as a committee to enter into correspondence with the representative bodies of the Lutheran Church throughout the world, and to urge them to move in the matter. I declined on the ground that I had no authority to appoint such a committee, but promised to lay the matter before the next Convention of the General Council.

June 22, 1893, I received from Rev. W. A. Campbell, D. D. of Richmond, Va., Chairman, a notice that he had sent me thirty-one petitions, in different languages, addressed to the different Governments of the World, pleading against war, and for arbitration, and he requested me to insert the name of the General Council, and to append my signature and to return them to him. He also informed me that an adjourned Convention would be held in Chicago, between August 15 and 20, and requested the appointment of delegates to represent this body.

Believing that the action taken by the General Council at Buffalo warranted my doing so, I did as requested, adding, that as the General Council was not expected to meet until October 5th, it would be impossible to send delegates.

January 14, 1892, the Rev. Reuben Hill, D. D., who had earnestly requested before the General Council met at Buffalo, to be released from the Publication Committee but who had nevertheless, been reappointed, sent me his resignation to take effect at once. I accepted it and made vain efforts to secure some one to take his place.

At our last Convention attention was called to the action of the Indiana Synod, "suggesting provision for an exhibit at the Columbian Exposition." The matter was referred to the Executive Committee of the General Council, with instructions to act as the circumstances may allow or require. October 17, 1892, the Rev. M. S. Waters, Secretary of the Indiana Synod, informed me of the official action taken by that body, at the beginning of that month, calling the attention of those whom

the General Council had instructed (viz. the Executive Committee) to take action in reference to the proposed Lutheran Exhibition at the Columbian Fair.

I replied on the following day that I would lay the matter before my colleagues of the Executive Committee. I did so the same day, requesting each of them to write out his views and to send the same, with the letter of the Rev. M. S. Waters to the next name on the roll of the Executive Committee, until it had reached the President of the Indiana Synod, who was to send all the papers to me, together with his own views, after which we would be in a condition to know what further steps to take. I forwarded the papers to the first on the list of officers and requested him to send them to the next in order. I heard nothing further of them.

In my last report to the General Council I had the pleasure of announcing the reception of one of the first copies of the completed Church Book. I am now able to add that, I have received from the Publication Board, a copy of the large and handsome Pulpit Edition, and a copy of the small sized Church Book, bound in two volumes.

At the Convention of the General Council, held at Akron, 1872, the committee on the English Church Book, in their report said: "On the festival day of the Reformation in this year, was published a work of great interest and importance to the Lutheran Church in America, well worthy to take rank alongside of the great cantionals of the early period of our Church's History."

"The Lutheran Church has never in any land produced or possessed, a manuel for use in the worship of the Church, more full and complete in its provisions for all the parts of the service, and for all the seasons of the Church year than is furnished in the "Church Book with music," edited by Miss Harriet R. Krauth, of Philadelphia. For four years she has been engaged upon it, sparing neither trouble nor expense to make it what the church needs. The book includes every portion of the Church Book, used in worship, and the system of references introduced, together with the index prepared with so much labor and judgment, greatly facilitates its use. In all respects the Book is the result of the most diligent and protracted labor, and is an enduring monument of the zeal, devotion and skill of the

authoress." In view of the amount of time, labor and expense devoted to the preparation of the work, and the very heavy cost of publication, the committee have granted to Miss Krauth the right to use so much of the Church Book as was required by the plan of her work, etc., etc.

I have deemed it proper to recall this language, in calling your attention to a new edition of the "Church Book with Music," which appeared in the early part of this year, and in the preface of which the gifted authoress (now Mrs. Harriet R. Spaeth,) says: "The Church Book with Music, simplified and condensed as to its original material, expanded and enlarged to conform to the revised Church Book and the Common Service needs no lengthy introduction. It is hoped that those who have known it in the past twenty years, will miss nothing that has proved itself of value, and will find much in its new features to commend itself in practical use."

I believe that all that was said by the Church Book Committee, in commendation of the first edition, can be fully applied to this expanded and enlarged one, which will enable our congregations to use the Church Book to the greatest advantage.

I may also add, as an item of special interest to the General Council, that this new edition bears the following dedication: "To the memory of Charles Porterfield Krauth and Beale Melanchthan Schmucker, life-long friends, whose learning and piety were devoted to purifying and enobling the worship of the church they loved—this book is dedicated."

On Sunday, May 14, 1893, the Swedish Lutherans of the city of New York, extended a reception in the church of Gustavus Adolphus, to the Right Rev. Doctor K. H. Gez. Von Scheele, Bishop of Gotland, who had been commissioned by King Oscar, of Sweden, at the request of the Swedish Lutherans of this country, to take part in the grand celebrations that were to be held by them in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Reformation in Sweden.

They invited me to be present and to give him "a welcome in the name of the General Council." Believing that you would fully approve of my appearing in my official capacity, to do honor to such a distinguished representative of the Swedish Lutheran Church, whose great Synod in this country is one of

the most important in our Convention. I took the part assigned to me, and assured the Bishop how much it would have gratified the General Council, if he could have attended the present Convention. His visit to our country awakened much interest, and he was everywhere welcomed with the greatest cordiality, not only by his own countrymen, but by Lutherans of other nationalities. As he was the first Lutheran Bishop (in the official and ecclesiastical sense of that word) that has ever visited this country, his presence among us, seemed to demand special notice.

September 29, 1892, the Rev. E. O. Giesel, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Augsbury Synod, informed me that his Synod had appointed him and two others to attend the next Convention of the General Council, for the purpose of conferring with us in reference to the union of their Synod with this body. They were not empowered to effect this union but simply to confer with us and report to their Synod. I replied expressing gratification, and the hope that we might receive a visit from them in 1893, in as much as the meeting of the General Council would not be held in 1892.

September 6, 1893, President Giesel informed me that his Synod had again appointed three delegates, who expect to attend the present Convention. I gave him the assurance of a cordial welcome.

A few weeks ago there was sent to me, as President of the General Council, copies of an invitation to attend the Seventh Allgemeine Lutherische Conference, which was to open in Dresden, Germany, on September 25th, and to continue until the 27th. As they were sent to me, in my official capacity, I deemed it proper to refer to it in this report. Had the meeting of the General Council taken place prior to this Conference at Dresden, it would no doubt have been pleased to take some action in reference to it, as it did on a former occasion.

I requested our church papers to call attention to the meeting of the Conference.

At the thirty-sixth Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the United States of America, held at Canton, Ohio, May 24-June 1, 1893, the following paper was adopted:

"*Whereas*, The Lutheran Church of America is divided into a number of different branches, which are not in practical accord, the one with the other, and

Whereas, All these subscribe to the Augsburg Confession, adhere to the same general system of government, practice in a measure the same forms of worship, and recognize and glory in the same origin and history, and

Whereas, While it is incumbent on all Evangelical christians to cultivate fraternal relations, this is most manifestly the *duty* of those who are of the same denominational name and faith; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the General Synod will regard with favor any movement looking to a closer co-operation of all Lutheran Bodies in this country, in the practical work of our denomination, upon such terms as will secure the largest possible harmony of action in all lines of mutual interest, recognizing that such co-operation is not to be interpreted as a surrender or compromise of the doctrinal position of any party entering therein.

Resolved, 2. That this General Synod respectfully, sincerely, and fraternally suggest a Conference of Committees to be appointed by the General Lutheran Bodies of this country, for the purpose of an interchange of views upon the possibilities of said closer practical co-operation between the several branches of our Lutheran household.

Resolved, 3. That, for the furtherance of this object, a committee of five be appointed at this Convention, to represent the General Synod in such possible Conference, and that said committee be and is hereby authorized to confer with the other said bodies in regard to the objects herein named; provided always, and it is herein expressly declared, that said committee shall have no power or authority whatever, to bind the General Synod by any action it may take in conjunction with any other committee or committees, and that it is invested with only Conferential authority, and shall report back to the next General Synod, the results of its efforts.

Resolved, 4. That in the name of our beloved Church, and in the greater name of our Lord and Master, and appealing to the Searcher of all hearts for the integrity of our motives, we respectfully ask and hope for the kindliest consideration of all

our Lutheran Brethren of this our fraternal overture, and pray for the richest blessings of Almighty God upon it."

Such a committee of five was subsequently appointed.

After I had written the foregoing, I received a communication from the Rev. U. W. Hamma, D. D. Chairman of the committee appointed by the General Synod, in which he calls my attention to these resolutions and says: "We hope and pray for a most kindly and favorable consideration of the overtures by the Honorable and Reverend Body, of which you are the President." I replied, that not knowing whether the committee of the General Synod had been instructed to communicate the overture to other Lutheran Bodies, I had taken it upon myself before the arrival of his letter, to lay the resolutions before the General Council, and that I would now add, that I had received his official communication.

While I deemed it my duty to lay this matter before you, I do not believe that it is proper for me, at this time and in this place, to give an opinion or to make any suggestions. I have no doubt that the General Council will give the overture such consideration as it deserves.

Although we were prevented from celebrating the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the General Council, in this church, in which it was organized, the thoughts and feelings that would have been appropriate a year ago, may well fill our minds and hearts at this time, when another year has been added to our history, and the blessings for which we then had reason to thank the Head of the Church, are still with us. We have abundant cause to say "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us!" If we have been able to lift up and to carry forward the banner of the same faith, if we have been able to stand shoulder to shoulder, in spite of some things that sometimes have a tendency to separate brethren, if we have been able to contribute something toward the promotion of a pure form of Lutheran worship, if we have been able to work together in the Missionary field at home and abroad, and to gather the sheep that were scattered, if we have been in any degree, instrumental in strengthening the love of our own congregations, and of others also, for the doctrines and usages of our beloved church, we have abundant reasons to be thankful, giving all the glory to Him who made us, and from whom cometh every good and perfect gift. Confessing our short-

comings and unworthiness, we look for pardon and help to Him who hath helped us hitherto, believing that He will help in the future also. As the Lord commanded Moses to "speak" unto the children of Israel, that they go forward so He bids us go forward, in His name, "taking the shield of faith," and the sword of spirit, which is the word of God.

Regretting my inability to meet with you, and to share your deliberations, I pray that the spirit of faith and of love may be with you, so that your coming together may be for the glory of God, and the good of the Church.

G. F. KROTEL.

Revs. S. E. Ochsenford, W. J. Miller and Mr. L. W. Kaufmann were appointed tellers to conduct the election of a President, Recording Secretary and a Treasurer; and Revs. C. J. Petri, C. G. Fischer and Mr. J. H. Feilbach, to conduct the election of Corresponding Secretaries.

The following officers were chosen:

President, Rev. C. A. Swenson, Ph. D.

English Recording Secretary, Rev. G. W. Mechling.

German Recording Secretary, Rev. J. Nicum, D. D.

Swedish Recording Secretary, Rev. C. J. Petri.

Treasurer, W. H. Staake, Esq.

English Cor. Sec., Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., LL. D.

German Corresponding Secretary, Rev. A. Richter.

Swedish Corresponding Secretray, Rev. E. Norelius.

The hours of meeting were fixed at 9:00 A. M. and 2:00 P. M., and of adjournment at 12:00 M. and 5:00 P. M.

The German Home Mission Board was requested to read their report this evening.

Pending a resolution to require all committees to comply with No. 1 of the Rules of Order, the Council adjourned: Prayer by REV. S. LAIRD, D. D.

On Thursday evening, after devotional services, conducted by Rev. L. A. Kaehler, Rev. J. Nicum, D. D., Secretary of the Board of German Home Missions, read and illustrated the Annual Report of the Board, which was heard with much interest by the Council and the congregation. An offering was also taken up for the benefit of the German Home Missions.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 6th, 9:00 A. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. E. Belfour, D. D. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved. The minutes of the Convention of 1891 were called for and ordered to be referred to a committee.

It was resolved that all Committees of this Council shall, before adjournment of the Convention, furnish the Secretaries with duplicates of their reports.

The Treasurer's Report was presented to the Council. The account of the General Expense Fund was read, and referred to an Auditing Committee.

Minutes of District Synods were called for and offered, and referred to the Presidents of the District Synods.

The application of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the North West, which had been deferred to this Convention, was now taken up for consideration, and the action of the Augustana Synod in relation thereto was read. Pending its discussion the Council adjourned. Prayer by Rev. G. H. Trabert.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 6th, 2:00 P. M.

The session was opened by devotional services, conducted by Rev. A. F. Siebert. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

Rev. C. A. Swenson, Ph. D., having now taken the Chair, accepted the position to which he had been chosen and, in so doing, delivered a very interesting and appropriate address to the Council.

The consideration of the application of the English Synod of the North West was resumed, and after a very general interchange of views, this whole subject, including the resolutions of the Augustana Synod, was referred to a special committee, to

report on Saturday afternoon. The President appointed the committee as follows:

Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas,
" J. A. Kunkelmer, D. D.
" T. L. Seip, D. D.
" G. H. Trabert,
" J. A. Brandell,
" H. Peters,
" C. J. Petri.
Rev. J. Telleen.
Mr. M. L. Deck,
" J. H. Feilbach,
Prof. S. M. Hill,
Mr. J. B. Kaercher,

The Church Book Committee reported, and the report was received as follows:

Report of the Committee on Church Book.

The Church Book Committee reports: 1. The preparation of an English Book containing the necessary material for Matins and Vespers, and of the English Church Book in a reduced form was committed by them to the Editorial Committee of English publications, all of its members being members of the Church Book Committee.

2. The same committee was also intrusted with the work of making the necessary corrections in the plates of the Church Book, some errors having been detected in the earlier issues.

3. A number of general prayers were added to the Pulpit Edition of the Church Book, with especial reference to Church festivals.

4. The distribution of complimentary copies to eminent liturgical scholars was deferred, as it was felt by the Committee that there would be an improvement in the form and style of the first issues, as well as in the accuracy of the text itself.

5. The preparation of a new Sunday School Book was deferred, it being found, that, in giving the instructions for such book, the Council was not aware that Rev. J. F. Ohl, a member of the committee, who was expected to do a large share of the work, had a book already in type, of the same general character as the Council had in view. The advance sheets of "the School and Parish Hymnal" were submitted to the committee and carefully examined, with the result that it was cordially commended to our Sunday Schools.

6. The Church Book Committee has not taken action upon the completed revision of the English Translation of Luther's Small Catechism made by a joint committee of all the General Bodies and Synods in which the English language is largely used. In this committee, the General Council has hitherto cooperated through a sub-committee. The translation, proposed by the joint committee, is herewith submitted.

Respectfully Submitted by

THE COMMITTEE.

The consideration of this report was deferred for the present. The report of the Editorial Committee was also offered, received and adopted as follows:

Report of Editorial Committee.

The undersigned committee appointed at the meeting at Buffalo, N. Y., to edit all the English Books published by authority of the General Council, respectfully report:

That they have dilligently attended to the duties assigned them. By resolution of the Committee on the Church Book the arrangement of a part of the Book containing the materials needed for the rendering of the Matin and Vesper services to be used with old editions of the Church Book, the making of the plates for the small size of said Book, the correction of sundry minor errors in the first issue of the revised Church Book and the insertion of some "Additional Prayers" recommended by the Church Book Committee for the Pulpit Edition. The same has all been done by us as directed, and given into the hands of the Board of Publication.

Submitted by

JOS. A. SEISS,
SAMUEL LAIRD,
H. E. JACOBS. } Committee.

Rev. F. J. F. Schantz presented the following: "The Executive Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania requests the General Council to provide for the early preparation and publication of a Hymn and Service Book for the use of Missions."

It was ordered that at the Foreign Mission Meeting this evening, the Secretary should give a summary of the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The President announced the following Committees:

I.—On the President's Report.

Rev. S. Laird, D.D.
" F. A. Kaehler,
" J. C. Kunzman,
" L. G. Abrahamson,
" A. R. Shultz.
Mr. J. H. Feilbach,
" J. D. Fritsch,
Prof. S. M. Hill,
Mr. J. B. Kaercher,

II.—On the Minutes of Last Convention.

Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss,
"C. G. Fischer,
" A. F. Seibert,
Rev. T. Holmes,
Mr. J. Boyd Duff,
" O. H. Henry,
" P. C. Pearson.

III.—Auditing Committee.

Prof. S. M. Hill,
Dr. Olof Sohlberg.
Mr. H. J. Klingler.

Adjourned: Prayer by Rev. J. A. Brandell.

On Friday evening a Foreign Missionary Meeting was held, when the Secretary of Foreign Missions, Rev. W. Ashmead Schaeffer offered an interesting summary of the Report on Foreign Missions, which was followed by an earnest and stirring sermon on the same subject from the Superintendent of Foreign Missions, Rev. J. Teleen. An offering for Missions was taken up.

FOURTH SESSION.

Saturday, October 7th, 9:00 A. M.

The order of service was conducted by Rev. G. H. Trabert. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved. A letter from Rev. Dr. Edward T. Horn, visitor of the United Synod of the South, was read, received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

31 Pitt St., Charleston, S. C.
September, 29, 1893.

To the Rev. President of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

Rev. and Dear Sir:

At the last meeting of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, I was appointed a visitor to your body, to convey the fraternal greetings of the United Synod. It is to us a great resource to be assured of your sympathy in the confession of the one faith and the endeavors to secure a Church Order and manner of life based on it. We have been encouraged by the visitors you have sent to our Conventions, and hope that you will be able to send a visitor to the next meeting of the United Synod, at Staunton, Va., in September, 1895.

I deeply regret that I am not able to present this greeting verbally, and join my prayers with the sincere wish of the body I represent, that your meeting may be harmonious and useful and that the great service which the General Council has rendered to our church and country may be preserved, and may be surpassed in the years before us.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Edward T. Horn.

Rev. Dr. E. Belfour was appointed visitor to the United Synod of the South. It was resolved to appropriate $15 from the Treasury of this Council to pay a special reporter for reporting proceedings to the press.

A committee was appointed to confer with the delegates of the Augsbury Synod as follows:

Rev. Dr. E. Belfour,
" D. M. Kemonerer,
" J. G. Hultkranz,
Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth,
" J. Brezing.

The consideration of the report of the Church Book Committee was resumed.

1. It was resolved that the Church Book Committee be instructed to issue a revised edition of the Sunday School Book.

2. That the Publication Board be instructed to furnish the Church Book to Misions at cost of publication.

3. That the German Editorial Committee of the Church

Book Committee, be instructed to prepare a revised edition of the German Sunday School Book with Music, with due regard to the wishes of the Ministerium of New York for a new collection of Choral tunes; and that this committee be authorized to engage the services of an accomplished musician for this work.

4. That the Board of Publication be authorized to issue a Mission edition of the Church Book.

Adjourned: Prayer by Rev. Dr. Schantz.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 7th, 2:00 P. M.

The services were conducted by Rev. S. A. Zeigenfuss. The minutes were read and approved. The adoption of the report of the Editorial Committee was reconsidered and its further consideration was deferred.

The Publication Board reported; and the report was received and referred to a committee as follows:

Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D. Prof. M. H. Richards, D.D.
" J. C. Kunzman.

The Committee on the Application of the Synod of the North West reported, and the report having been considered by items, was adopted as a whole as follows:

Report of the Committee on the Augustana Synod's Action Pertaining to the General Council's English Home Mission Work.

Your Committee respectfully submits the following:

Having taken into consideration all that has been said and put into our hands upon the matters committed to us upon the entire subject of the General Council's Home Mission Work, your Committee is convinced that the misunderstandings which have arisen, and any irregularities which may have occurred, have not resulted from any disposition to disregard the rights, or ignore the courtesies due to others, but are the result of difference of interpretation of past legislation of the General

Council, and especially that at Lancaster, Ohio, in 1882, and other causes not necessary to state. In order that such misunderstandings may be avoided hereafter, your committee recommend the adoption of the following as the principles which shall govern in the prosecution of the entire Home Mission Work of the General Council.

1. That as far as possible, the District Synods shall have charge and attend to the work of Home Missions within their Synods or among their own people, whether in the English or any other language.

2. That where there is inability or neglect to do this work, the Boards of Home Missions shall have liberty to do it, upon the invitation, or with the consent of synods as hereafter provided.

3. When Missions are projected within the bounds of Synods, or in the vicinity of established congregations, in connection with the General Council, it shall be the duty of the Home Mission Board and their official representatives to confer with the pastors of each congregation and the authorities of each Synod within whose bounds and among whose people they propose to establish missions, and also the duty of the pastors and said authorities, to give their approval and encouragement to such undertakings, and so avoid conflict and render success not only possible, but, with God's blessing assured, and so save to our Chruch many who would otherwise be lost to us.

4. Missions established by the Mission Boards out of material belonging to already existing congregations belonging to Synods in connection with the General Council, shall be connected to the Synod to which the congregation belongs, unless consent be given by the constitutional authorities concerned to join another Synod belonging to the General Council and occupying the same territory.

5. The attention of the Synods of the General Council is hereby directed to Article III., Sec. 2, of the Constitution of the General Council to-wit: "The discipline of ministers and members administered in one Synod shall not be set aside by another."

6. Your committee, satisfied that in the organization of the Synod of the North West, nothing irregular or improper

was intended, recommended that said Synod be admitted to membership in the General Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geo. C. F. Haas,
Theo. L. Seip,
G. A. Brandell,
C. J. Petri,
M. L. Deck,
S. M. Hill.
J. A. Kunkelman,
G. H. Trabert,
H. Peters,
John H. Feilbach,
F. O. Thuleen.

It was ordered that the name of the delegate of the Synod of the North West be placed upon the records of this Council; and that the report of the committee on said Synod in 1891, be placed upon these minutes. The following is the

Report of the Committee on the Application of the Synod of the North West in 1891.

Your Committee to whom were referred the papers relating to the application of the English Lutheran Synod of the North West for admission into this Body, respectfully reports:

The papers were: (1) The official record of the action of Synod adopting the principles of Faith and Church Polity of the General Council, and the formal application for admission, (2) The certificate of the election of Delegates to this Convention, and, (3) A copy of the Constitution adopted by the Synod for its government.

After a careful examination of these documents your Committee found that the constitution of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the North West was in harmony with the constitution of this Body, and it was

Resolved, That the application for admission be approved, one member of the committee dissenting.

Committee.
- Theo. L. Seip, [consenting.]
- A. Richter, "
- J. Q. Waters, "
- F. Veit, "
- A. Falkenberg, [dissenting.]

Rev. Dr. Laird called the attention of the General Council to that part of the President's Report, which refers to the celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the organization

of this Body, that was expected to be held in this church one year ago, but failed because of the postponement of this Convention. It was therefore resolved that Monday evening be set apart for this purpose; and that Rev. Drs. Laird and Wagenhals, the pastor *loci*, be a committee to make the necessary arrangements therefor.

The report of the Board of German Home Missions was now taken up for consideration, and finally adopted as follows:

To the Rev. the President and the Members of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Fathers and Brethren:

The German Board of Home Missions, appointed by you would beg leave to present the following report on the condition of the work entrusted to it by this General Council:

I.—Meetings and Organization.

Your Board, constituted and appointed two years ago in Buffalo, has held six full meetings, to-wit: Nov. 4th, 1891, February 16th, October 25th, and December 15th, 1892, and April 4th, and July 24th and 25th, 1893. Besides these plenary meetings, the officers and committees met at various times for the discharge of such special duties as were assigned to them by the Board. At the first meeting the Rev. A. Richter, who for several years, had presided at the Conventions of the committee felt constrained to send in his resignation because of the distance of his new field of labor from the official seat of the Board. The resignation was accepted with reluctance. At that meeting also the election of the following officers took place: *President*, the Rev. J. Steinhauser; *Secretary*, the Rev. J. Nicum, both of Rochester, N. Y., and *Treasurer*, the well known Treasurer of the former Committee, the Rev. J. J. Kuendig, of Reading, Pa. Whilst most members were quite regular and punctual in their attendance, we regret to state that this cannot be said of all.

II.—The Field.

Your Board still maintains the same missions it reported two years ago, to-wit: that in the South, in Chicago, Manitoba and the North West territory of Canada. Utah has been added. Great changes have taken place in some of the Mis-

sions. These two years have been years of trial, especially for the Board. We can truthfully say, however, that matters are going on smoothly everywhere at present, that the work has grown wonderfully, that the work seems to enjoy the confidence of the Church and that our receipts have been much larger than we had reason to expect.

A.—The South.

At the time when we rendered our last report, there were three Missionaries stationed in the South, to-wit: the Rev. O. Kuhr, in Lexington, Kentucky; Rev. J. Ramsauer, in Ottenheim, Kentucky, and the Rev. P. Schencke at Sandsprings, near Athens, Ala. When in February, 1892, the Board resolved to begin Mission work in Utah, the Rev. Kuhr was appointed to undertake it. Thus Lexington became vacant. The Board directed Rev. Schencke, who was serving two small settlements in Alabama, to take charge of the promising mission at Lexington. We had pointed out in our last report that certain influences were at work, which might prove very dangerous to our church in that city. And our apprehensions were realized only too soon. A powerful opposition, consisting of saloon and secret society men was secretly organized, the congregation disrupted and the missionary discharged. Our people, however, continued the old congregation and earnestly requested the Board not to withdraw the support of Mr. Schencke, stating that they had not lost heart, that a building lot had been presented to them by Mr. F. D. Wolfe, a member of the church, and that they had resolved to build forthwith. So the Board continued the Missionary at Lexington.

On Reformation Sunday of last year, the neat little church having room for 102 persons, and containing a sacristy and altar recess was dedicated. The church is lighted by electricity. There is a debt of nearly $700, but the people are devoted and earnest workers. About fifty persons belong to our St. John's Church. It was received in 1892 into the New York Ministerium. The opposition called our Missionary Ramsauer, who was stationed at Ottenheim and built a large brick Church. They call themselves the German Evangelical Protestant Church. Their sympathies are with the German rationalists who have a number of strong churches in Cincinnati and Louisville.

The Secretary visited this field last December. He held services in Lexington and Ottenheim and had consultations with the people of the churches in both places. He was pleased to find such a cozy and neat little church at Lexington. The congregation, though small, earnestly requested that the pastor might be permitted to remain, promising to do all in its power to aid in his support. The people at Ottenheim were anxious to secure a pastor. In July of the present year the President of the Fourth Conference of the Ministerium of New York, with which the congregation is connected, sent them the Rev. C. Butterman as supply. He has been there since. While he is not appointed by the Board, we made a small appropriation for him without, for the present, making ourselves responsible for his regular support. The church is increasing in membership rapidly, and as the people are becoming more comfortably situated they will be able to provide for the support of their pastor themselves. The church at Ottenheim is large but constructed in the most primitive way. It is located in a three acre lot, which is also the property of the congregation. The congregation also has a school house which is about twice the size of the public school house adjoining it and contains besides a room capable of accomodating 50 children and two living rooms for the pastor. There is a fair prospect that the church will become self supporting in the near future. Before Mr. Buttermann's arrival, Ottenheim was regularly served by pastor Schencke from Lexington. Sandsprings in Alabama, was also visited by pastor Schencke. At Frankford, the capital of Kentucky, not far from Lexington, services are also regularly held by Mr. Schencke. Our Mission stations in the South contain 275 souls and 150 confirmed persons.

B.—The Chicago Mission.

The formal transfer of this Mission by the Mission Committee, of the Pittsburgh Synod took place after the last meeting of the General Council. The support of the Missionary at the rate of $300 per annum has been paid to our Board by the Treasurer of the Pittsburg Synod. The Missionary has resigned to become housefather in the Orphan's Home at Sulpher Springs. As the resignation came to hand after our last meeting, nothing further has been done in the matter than that the Secretary visited the field. The Mission Committee of the Pitts-

burgh Synod was informed at once. The Missionary also suggests that there would be more of a future for an English Church than for a German congregation in that part of the city, and if the language used were English, it could readily be served by men connected with the Seminary. Also this suggestion was laid before the Mission Committee of the Pittsburgh Synod. Mr. Merz reports 30 confirmed persons, as many communicants and 70 children in Sunday School.

C.—The Northwest Mission.

1. Winnipeg, Manitoba.—The church at Winnipeg was dedicated at the beginning of December, 1891. Not only was the Secretary there, preaching two sermons and performing the act of dedication, all our Missionaries also participated, and the President of the Icelandic Synod, the Rev. J. Bjarnason, likewise joined in the service and made an address. The Rev. L. Streick, the pastor, resigned as Missionary in November, 1892, and moved to the Grenfell district in Assiniboia, to which he had been previously transferred. There he has charge of two of our congregations, which being to a large extent composed of older settlers, seem to be able to provide for his support. The settlers about Grenfell thus enjoy the regular services of a Lutheran pastor, without expense to the Board. The Rev. M. Ruccius took charge of the church at Winnipeg in August, 1892. The reports from there are encouraging. The debt of the Church has been reduced by $800, and now consists yet of a mortgage of $2,000 and a note of $200. Some of the $650, which your Board sent out was a free gift, but most of it was given by the doners as a loan without interest The Church pays $200 toward the pastor's support and the Committee adds $600 more. The congregation numbers 550 persons, 250 of whom are confirmed. At Easter 194 persons communed, and at Whit Sunday 73. During the last six months there were 50 baptisms, 9 confirmations, 11 marriages and 19 funerals. The Parochial school is attended by 25 children and the Sunday School by 75. The average attendance at the Sunday morning service is 200, and at the evening service 130.

2. Preaching Stations in South Manitoba.—As the work in Winnipeg requires all the time of one man, the Board called the Rev. W. Willing to take charge of the numerous preaching

stations in Manitoba, some of which are quite important. Mr. Willing entered upon his work last June and his reports are quite encouraging. His parish comprises ten preaching stations, located mostly in South Manitoba and near the Red River, contains nearly 600 persons and more than three hundred communicants. The principal stations are Gretna and Plum Coulse, each numbering almost one hundred confirmed persons The eight other stations are: Rosenfeld, Morden, Friedensfeld, Alcester, Rosenhof, Neuenburg, Brandon and Moline. There is hardly any probability that they will ever become self-supporting churches, as most of the people, served by our missionary, do not intend to remain in Southern Manitoba permanently, but simply earning sufficient money to enable them to settle somewhere where choice land can yet be had for the asking.

Mr. Willing also resides in Winnipeg for the present. We have thus two Missionaries stationed in this important gateway to the province of Manitoba and the North West territory of Canada. Messrs. Ruccius and Willing are new men in the field. The former had attended the institution of the Berlin Mission Society and further pursued his studies in several German universities. So far he has done excellent work in Winnipeg. This is best proved by the fact that the missionary sent and maintained by the Missouri Synod has not been able to secure a footing. Mr. Willing, our other missionary in Winnipeg, in May last arrived from Bracklum, accompanied by another student from that institution. They were not from the Prediger-seminer, which sends its men to the General Synod, but from the Missionsanstalt, which is co-operating with the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council. The two men had letters of reccommendation from Dr. Jcusen to our Foreign Mission Board, and desired to be sent out to India. But as this Board, at that time, had no further need of men for the foreign field, they applied to our Board on German Home Mission work. As the Canada Synod found them qualified for the gospel ministry, and as two men were then needed in Canada, we called Mr. Willing to take charge of the preaching points in Manitoba, and his companion to assist the Rev. Mr. Pempeit in Alberta, who had requested help. This young man, however, did not prove himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. He had hardly reached his place of destination, when he changed his mind and quit the field. The Board has since re-

ceived letters from him in which he sincerely repents having taken such a rash step. It will be seen from our table of parochial reports that about one-third of the persons served by our missionaries reside in Manitoba, another one-third is found in Assiniboia.

3. Langenburg District.—Here the Rev. E. Berthold is stationed. Two years ago he had by far the greatest number of persons, of any of our missionaries, under his care. Now he has less than any of our pastors in the North West. The cause we have pointed out in our last report, to-wit: the killing frosts in August. Hence most people who were able to do so, have moved away. Others are too poor to get away. About 200 persons yet belong to the churches at Langenburg and Beresina and the stations Riversdale and Ebenezer, of these 125 are confirmed. The Missourians have given up their work of intrusion here. The only place where they yet try to secure a footing is Winnipeg, but with poor results.

4. The Grenfell District consists of two congregations, viz: Josephsberg to the South and Neudorf to the North of the Qu'Appelle river, and the preaching station Wolseley to the South. These settlements are older, and some of the people are even well to do. Rev. Mr. Streich, formerly pastor at Winnipeg, on account of some difficulty with the other missionaries, withdrew from connection with the Board, and of his own accord took charge of this district in December last, which formed part of the parish of Rev. Mr. Sehmieder. We consider it wise not to oppose Mr. Streich, and the practical result is that these churches have become self supporting; as Mr. Streich having resigned as missionary of your Board, did not receive any aid from us during the year last past. In this district belong 450 persons, 250 of whom are communicants. Mr. Hreich has taken up a quarter section of land on which he lives, and the people have built a house for him.

5. Edenwald has had a large accession of settlers lately. At least 600 persons are at present under the pastoral care of missionary Scmieder. The new church, dedicated July 16th, is located five miles to the North of the Canadian Pacific R. R. station Balgonic. It has accommodations for perhaps 400 persons, and is filled at every service. Strassburg, some 70 miles to the North West, is another congregation belonging to Mr.

Schmieder's parish, besides the preaching stations Longlaketra, Davin and Kronan.

6. Edmætar District, Alberta.—About 700 miles to the North West of Edenwald the Rev. F. Pempeit is stationed. Here seems to be the paradise of the Canadian North West. Although far North (between the 55th and 56th degrees of latitude) it is here much milder in winter than perhaps anywhere else in Canada, excepting British Columbia on the Pacific coast. This is ascribed to the influence of the Pacific Ocean. Mr. Pempeit has charge of three congregations, the principal one being located at Stony Plain, or Hoffmingson, where Mr. Ralso lives, and the two others at Wetaskewin and Rabbit Hill. There are besides four preaching stations, viz: Beaver Hills, Leduc, Edmonton and Calgary. St. Matthew's Church, at Stony Plain, erected a house of worship which is at the same time used by the pastor as a dwelling. The missionary teaches 38 children in the parochial school. There are about 300 confirmed members and 280 communicants.

D.—The Work in Utah.

Shortly after the last Convention of the General Council, the necessity of commencing a Mission in Utah was urged upon the Board. At first we had some misgivings with reference to extending our work seeing that in the Northwest we had a field of labor that taxed all our strength. At a meeting held on February 16, 1892, after weighing the matter prayerfully and conscientiously we resolved to send a Missionary to Salt Lake City. The officers were entrusted with the selection of the proper person. The Rev. O. Kuhr from our Southern field was called. He is a hard and patient worker and knows how to make ends meet even in Utah on a somewhat meagre support. At first he resided in Salt Lake City, but finding the ground too hard and the living quite expensive he moved to Ogden, visiting Salt Lake regularly and also other points in Utah. Lately he has again moved to Salt Lake City. Two churches have been organized, the one in Salt Lake City numbering 40 communicants, and the other, in Ogden, with a membership of one half that number. In both cities our Missionary had been treated very kindly by our Swedish brethren, who not only have congregations in both places, but also own church edifices there. He had the use of these buildings at such hours when

the German service did not interfere with the worship of the Swedish congregation. We would hereby most thankfully acknowledge these favors on the part of our Swedish brethren. Finding that the greatest amount of material is, however, not in Ogden, but in Salt Lake City, Mr. Kuhr a few weeks ago removed to the latter place. He is now quite encouraged. In the two organized churches just mentioned and in the preaching stations Fort Douglas, Murray, Poplar Grove and Taylorville, he reports 100 confirmed persons. He is anxious to secure a lot for a church in Salt Lake City.

Recently a minister from St. Louis, sent by the Missouri Synod made his appearance in the city. He claimed to have been called by quite a number of people, but hardly any one attended his services. Our church there seems to be firmly established. A constitution has been adopted and signed by 25 heads of families.

An attack published in the Kirchenblatt and directed against this Utah Mission was answered by the Secretary. It was charged: 1. That there was no need of a German Mission in Utah, there are no German Lutherans and one pastor could serve the English and the German. 2. The idea of reaching the Mormons was ridiculed, and intimated that the Board sailed under false colors, if it spoke of a Mormon Mission—which, however, the Board never did. 3. That living in Utah was expensive, and it was a piece of extravagance for the Board to begin this Mission.

We cannot well give a summary expressed in figures, of the work our missionairies have done, because we lack full returns, the system of quarterly reports having only been introduced six months ago. Counting the Greenfell district we may say, however, that there are 42 stations and churches under the care of our Missionaries, containing fully 3,500 persons; 1,850 of whom are communicants. The average attendance at church is over 1,300.

The report of our Treasurer is most encouraging. The large receipts during the two years are a profound surprise to every member of the Board.

"Siloah" has appeared regularly and is now published in 5,000 copies. The report of the editor is appended as well as that of the Auditing Committee.

At its April meeting, the Board adopted a set of *rules for the guidance of its Missionaries*, embodying points which experience has taught us to be necessary. They are herewith submitted:

In 1891 the General Council directed the Board to submit a *form of incorporation.* The matter has received our consideration and will be presented in a special report.

We have at different times felt the desirability of having a person of the proper qualifications *who could devote his whole time to the German Home Mission work*; attend to the correspondence, which requires a great deal of time, edit "Siloah," superintend the work, visit the Mission Churches, be a counseller to the Missionaries and tell the churches and pastors in the East of the work that is being done. In July last our Board resolved to bring the need of the appointment of such a person to the attention of the General Council.

In appointing the new committee, we would beg leave to suggest that the Council would consider the *advisability of changing the place of the Committee* from Rochester to some other city, say Brooklyn or New York. We not only have in these cities and immediate neighborhood, pastors of large and wealthy congregations, who have a deep interest in the work, but also many intelligent laymen who would consider it an honor and a pleasure to serve the Lord and the Church on the German Board of Home Missions.

The thanks of the Board are due to the Rev. H. Grahn, of Philadelphia, who, without pay, has for years most faithfully attended to the duties connected with the subscription list of "Siloah."

Respectfully Submitted,

The German Board of Home Missions.

Report of the Treasurer of German Home Mission.

RECEIPTS.

Balance received from Rev. G. W. Gomph, the last Treasurer,	$674 97	
A donation	500 00	
German legacies, per Rev. Dr. Krotel,	75 94	
Synod of Pennsylvania, per Rev. Dr. Spaeth	81 00	
German Publications of General Council, per W. H. Staake, Esq.	333 33	
From churches and individuals	5940 31	
For Church Building Fund to be applied to Winnipeg, Edenwald and the Northwest	1571 48	
" " Manitoba	284 73	
" " Lexington, Ky.	93 85	
" " Church at Fargo, N. D.	132 00	
" " Institution at Kropp	1524 87	
For Rev. E. Barthold personal	66 00	
For Foreign Mission	75 00	
For Siloah subscription	16 00	
		$11,309 98
Bonds of church at Austin, Texas		150 00
Total		$11,459 98

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries and traveling expenses of Missionaries	$7,050 84	
Winnipeg and Edenwald, books and traveling expenses of Rev. Schur	1,125 00	
Lexington Kentucky	93 85	
Fargo, North Dakota	132 00	
Kropp	1,477 00	
For. Missions	75 50	
Secretary's traveling expenses to Manitoba, Kentucky, etc	102 53	
Printing reports, etc.	84 50	
Rev. Veit, traveling expenses	43 30	
Treasurer's expenses	35 00	
Donation to Rev. C. Buttermann	2500	
J. Reichardt, Wagner College	50 00	
Total		$10,294 57
Balance		1,165 41

Deduct Bonds	$150 00	
Due to Kropp	47 87	
Due to Rev. Schmieder	2 00	
		$199 87
Net Balance		965 54

J. J. Kuendig, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, Reading, Pa., October 2d, 1893.

J. Fry,
M. C. Horine,
A. W. Potteiger.

Report on "Siloah."

The undersigned, editor of "Siloah," the official paper of the German Board of Home Missions, begs leave to report that since the last report, the circulation of the paper has increased to 4,839 copies, 139 of which are donated to institutions, etc. As there is generally a demand for more copies, we have 5,000 printed. The paper has the largest circulation in the State of New York, to-wit: 2,317 copies, 51 of which are donations; in Pennsylvania, 1421 copies are read; in New Jersey, 297; in Connecticut, 150; in the District of Columbia, 112; in Delaware, 100; in Texas, 98; in Canada, 83; in Europe, 56; in Utah, 28; in Kentucky and Michigan, each 27; in Nebraska, 25; and in Wisconsin, 21. The rest are scattering.

The thought has been expressed if "Siloah" and "Der Missionbote" might not be better combined and one strong German paper published, which could serve the interests of both Home and Foreign Missions.

The paper is now again upon a paying basis. It has not only wiped out the deficit of two years ago, but there is a small balance in the Treasury. The loss of more than $125 which a few years ago the paper sustained in a certain church, as well as the loss of several thousand subscribers, had crippled its finances for some time.

The receipts from Nov. 1, 1891, to September 18, 1893, have been $1,012.50, the expenres $968.97. Hence there is a balance of $43.50.

3 J. Nicum, Editor.

Report of Auditing Committee.

We, the undersigned, appointed a committee to audit the account of the Editor of "Siloah," do hereby respectfully report that they have examined the said account, both as to charge and discharge, and find the same correct in every particular.

Respectfully submitted,

JOST CHRIST,
KARL SCHLOTTMAN, } Auditing Com.
F. FISCHER.

Rochester, N. Y. September 18th, 1893.

No.	Names of Churches and Preaching Stations.	No. Persons.	No. Confirmed Members.	No. Communicants.	Baptisms.	Persons Confirmed.	Marriages.	Funerals.	No. Children Attending Paroch. Sch'l.	No. of Weeks School of Instruction.	Sunday-Sch'l. How many children.	Receipts of Congregation.	Expenses of Congregation	Received on Salary.	Value of Ch. Property.	Debt on Ch'ch Property.	No. of Subscribers to "Siloah."	No. of Services held.	Average Attendance.
1	Lexington, Ky.	40	20	17	1	2	....	....	4	40	....	*ca* $150 00	*ca* $130 00	*ca* $120 00	$1,100 00	$675 00	12	13	18
2	Frankfort, Ky	21	12	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	20	12
3	Ottenheim, Ky	175	100	130	15	5	6	5	30	?	20	*ca* 100 00	*ca* 90 00	?	1,000 00	30 00	8	30	60
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6	Chicago, Ills. †	40	30	30	4	5	....	....	....	....	70	27 00	30 00	25 00	.....	.....	1	14	25
7	Winnipeg, Man. ¶	550	250	539	88	21	15	33	25	31	75	1,000 00	930 00	*ca* 200 00	5,000 00	2,200 00	6	110	200
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9	Plum Coulse, Man. †	120	75	18	6	2	...	....	....	....	...	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	5	55
10	Rosenfeld, Man. †	40	25	7	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	1	25
11	Morden, Man. †	35	22	4	4	...	1	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	20
12	Friedensfeld, Man. †	75	50	41	8	...	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	1	55
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15	Neuenburg, Man. †	40	32	23	2	...	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	2	20
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28	Hoffmingson, Alb. ‡	272	143															1	22
29	Wetaskewin, Alb.	113	55															12	80
30	Rabbit Hill, Alb.	84	42															2	50
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† July 1-Sept. 1. ¶ Annual Rep. ‡ Min. of Syn. and Rep. of Miss. § Min. of Syn. and Rep. Apr. 1-July 1.

x People moved away—only a few left. * No Com. in quarter reporting.

Incorporation of the German Board of Home Missions.

The General Council, at its last meeting authorized the German Board of Home Missions to present at this Convention a form under which the said Board could be incorporated (E. Minn. 1891, 97f.)

As the seat of the German Board of Home Missions at present is within the State of New York and is likely not to be changed for some years to come, the incorporation of the aforementioned Board will have to be effected in and under the laws of that State, to-wit: Chapter 309, 91, of the laws of 1848 as amended by chapter 526 of the laws of 1881, which reads as follows:

"Any five or more persons of full age, citizens of the United States, a majority of whom shall be citizens and residents within this State, who shall desire to associate themselves for benevolent, missionary purposes, may make, sign and acknowledge before any officer authorized to take the acknowledgement of deeds in this State, and file in the office of the Secretary of State, and also in the office of the Clerk of the county in which the business of said society is to be conducted, a certificate in writing, in which shall be stated the name or title by which said society shall be known in law, the particular business and objects of said society, the number of business directors or managers to manage the same, and the names of the trustees, directors and managers of such society for the first year of its existence; and any corporation organized, or which may hereafter be organized under the provisions of this act, may from time to time change the title of the members of their managing Board or increase or decrease the number thereof to not less than five on the consent in writing of not less than two-thirds of their members. A certificate of such change executed as therein above provided for the original certificate, shall be filed with the original certificate; but neither such original certificate nor deeds amendment thereof shall be filed unless by the committee's consent and approbation of one of the justices of the Supreme Court of the District in which the place of business or principal office of such an association shall be located, to be indorsed on such certificate. As to holding of property the law provides, (Chapter 641, Laws of 1881) that

societies formed under the above act may hold real estate to an amount not exceeding $200,000 as well as personal property to the same amount, but the clear annual income from both real and personal property shall not exceed $50,000. Under this act the incorporation of the German Board of Home Missions would be affected by filing with the Secretary of State, a certificate, indorsed by a judge of the Supreme Court, reading, as to form and contents as follows:

STATE OF NEW YORK }
County of . . . . . } *s. s.*

We, the undersigned, being of full age and citizens of, and residents within the State of New York, hereby certify

1. That we desire to hereby form an association or society to be known and designated in law as "The German Board of Home Missions, of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutherrn Church in North America."

2. That the particular business and objects of said society shall be to provide for and maintain religious instruction and divine service in accordance with the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as accepted by the aforesaid General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in North America chiefly among the scattered members of the Lutheran faith in the United States and Canada, to erect houses of worship or extend aid in the erection of the same, and perform such other duties as are usually incumbent upon and pertain to a Board of Home Missions.

3. That the members of this Board of which at no time there shall be less than five, shall be appointed or chosen by the above mentioned General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and in such manner as the said General Council shall from time to time determine, and that the said General Council shall also have full authority, at any time, to remove any and all members of the above mentioned German Board of Home Missions, and appoint others in their places, and that vacancies in the said Board, shall be filled in the manner directed by the aforesaid General Council.

4. That the names of the members of the said German Board of Home Missions, for the first year of its existence are:

5. That a majority of the members of the said society shall be citizens and residents within the State of New York.

Witness our hand and seal this . . . . day of . . . ., 189 . .

(SIGNATURE.)

STATE OF NEW YORK, } s. s.
County of . . . . . }

On this day of . . . . ., 189 . ., before me, the subscriber personally appeared . . . . . to me known to be the same person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

. . . . . Notary Public or Commissioner of Deeds.

Follows the endorsement by a Judge of the Supreme Court, and the filing of one copy with the County Clerk and the Secretary of State.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Oct. 7, 1893. J. NICUM.

It was ordered that the seat of the Board of German Home Missions should be New York.

The report of the committee on the Theological Seminary at Chicago was made the first order for Monday morning. Adjourned: Prayer by Rev. J. C. Kunzman.

On Sunday evening a meeting was held in the interest of English Home Missions. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. J. A. Kunkelmann, J. F. Beates and W. A. Passavant, Supt. of English Home Missions, and an offering was taken up.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, October 9th.

The order of service was conducted by Rev. F. A. Kaehler. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved. The committee to confer with the Augsbury Synod reported, and the report was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Augsburg Synod.

Your committee, who were charged with the duty of conferring with representatives of the German Augsburg Synod of

the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ohio and adjacent States, beg leave to report that they met these brethren, who stated that there was a strong disposition on the part of their Synod, to seek union with this Council, and that they were present to learn more fully our position and the conditions of admission. The desired information was given and they were informed that before any further steps could be taken, their Synod would have to examine and adopt the Constitution and Fundamental Principles of Faith and Church Policy of this Council.

Edmund Belfour,
D. M. Kemerer,
A. Spaeth,
J. Brezing.

The standing committee on Young People's Societies offered a report which was received. Its consideration was deferred until after the special order should have been disposed of.

Rev. Dr. Passavant read a report from the Board of Directors of the Chicago Theological Seminary, and the English Recording Secretary read a paper from the Committee on said Seminary appointed in 1891. The Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the consideration of this paper. After the committee rose, permission was granted to sit again at 2:00 P. M.

It was resolved that a committee be appointed to nominate the several Boards of this Council. Adjourned: Prayer by Rev. Dr. Roth.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Monday October 9th, 2:00 P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. F. W. Weiskotten. The minutes were read and approved. The paper from the Committee on the Chicago Seminary was taken up and the recommendations, one and two, were adopted; and the whole paper, together with the report of the Directors of the Chicago Seminary, were ordered printed in these minutes, as follows:

Report of the Committee on the Chicago Seminary.

The General Council, which convened at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1891, having heard and considered the report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary, at Chicago, was pleased to refer "the whole subject and matter of said report, to a committee composed of seven persons, with the President of the Council as Chairman, to report to the next Convention." It was understood at the time, that this committee was expected to look into the history of this institution, as well as into the relations which the General Council has sustained to it, so that it may be in a condition to determine what its relations to said Seminary are and ought to be.

Your committee, therefore, in entering upon the discharge of the duty imposed upon them, carefully examined the printed minutes of the General Council, and beg leave to present what they have found. As these minutes are in the hands of the members of this body, it might suffice to refer to the year and page, but we have deemed it necessary to go beyond this, and to give as much of the language contained in the minutes, as may enable all connected with the General Council to understand the real state of the case.

The first mention of the Chicago Seminary is found in the minutes of the Third Convention of the General Council, held in Chicago, A. D. 1869.

"After a full and earnest discussion," (of "Ministerial Education") resolutions as follows were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1. That in the deliberate judgment of this Council, the time has come when the wants of the Lutheran population in the western States require the establishment, at some central point, of a Theological Seminary, where the future Ministry of our English, German and Scandinavian Churches may be educated together, in the unity of the Common Faith, confessed and maintained by this Body.

Resolved, 2. That the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in the humble acknowledgment of its inability to carry forward this great and difficult undertaking to a successful issue by its own resolution and strength; nevertheless, in confident reliance upon Almighty God, and his promised grace, does, now, in the name of Jesus Christ, and

alone for His glory, solemnly resolve to take the necessary steps toward the establishment of such an institution.

Resolved, 3. That a commission of twelve persons be appointed by this Body, with instructions to prepare a Charter for a Theological Seminary, a Constitution and By-Laws also, all of which shall be submitted to this Body at its next Convention.

Resolved, 4. That this Commission have power to receive proposals and to determine the site of this institution, at or near the City of Chicago.

Revs. J. A. Seiss, W. A. Passavant, D. D., and Erl Carlson were appointed to report nominations for the above commission, and subsequently reported the following, who were appointed, viz: Revs. W. A. Passavant, D.D., Erl Carlson, O. T. Hatlestad, F. Richards, S. Leise and T. H. Sieker; and Messrs. Consul P. L. Haukinson, Lewis Newton, H. S. Rudisill, Paul Anderson, G. H. Dieckmann and A. A. Clove.

At the next Convention of the General Council, at Lancaster, Ohio, in 1870, Dr. W. A. Passavant, Chairman of this Commission, reported, that they had published "a call in the three leading dailies of Chicago, for proposals, to owners of property" soliciting offers of land in view of the erection of the proposed institution upon it.

They received a number of responses "from parties interested in property near the city, with a view to the sale or donation of a building site." But as none of these answered the purpose, the commission "deemed it the most judicious course to defer final action in the matter of location until after this Convention, in the hope that possibly some offer might yet be presented, even more advantageous than the one of four acres on the Green Bay road, adjoining the City of Chicago, which was made by a member of the Committee at the last meeting of this Body. This location has been visited by a number of the brethren here present, and the general sentiment appears to your committee to be, that both as regards accessibility, healthfulness and the beauty of position and surroundings, as well as freedom from burdensome conditions, this is the most desirable site which has yet been offered to the Seminary."

We may remark here, that from this it appears, that this offer of four acres was made by a member of the committee, at

the Convention held in Chicago, when the matter of the Seminary was first presented.

But to continue the report of the commission, in 1870. They had been charged with the preparation of a Charter together with a Constitution and By-Laws, which were to be submitted to the General Council.

They reported that they had "met with unexpected difficulties, resulting mainly from the relation of the proposed Seminary both to the General Council and the Western District Synods belonging to it, in their present peculiar situation." They added that it would be impossible to prepare them until "certain preliminary principles are determined by this Body," and therefore they submitted the following questions:

1. Shall the site of the proposed Seminary vest absolutely in the General Council as such, or in a Board of Directors who shall hold it in *trust* for the said institution?

The General Council answered this first question as follows: "The site of the proposed Theological Seminary at Chicago shall vest in the General Council."

The second question was: "Shall the doctrinal basis of the Theological Seminary be identical in language with that of this General Council, and the oath of the Professors and the affirmation of the Directors in entering upon their office, be made to correspond exactly with it?

This question was answered in the affirmative.

The third question was: "Shall the Professors be elected by the General Council, or by the Directors of the Seminary?"

To which the General Council replied: "The Professors shall be elected by the General Council."

The fourth question was: "Shall the Directors be elected by the General Council on the nomination of the District Synods sustaining it, or by the remaining members of the Board?"

Which the General Council answered thus: "The Directors shall be elected by the General Council on the nomination of the District Synods uniting in sustaining the Seminary; each Synod nominating Clerical and Lay Directors in such ratio as the General Council shall from time to time determine."

The fifth question was as follows: "In the event of the Augustana Synod or any other Synod in full connection with this Body, resolving to transfer their Theological Professor or Professors to the proposed Seminary in Chicago, would the General Council, in case it elected such Professors to a place in the faculty of its Seminary, allow such Synod or Synods to assume the support of their own Professors and also erect upon the Seminary grounds under the direction of the Board of Directors, the necessary buildings for professor's residences and boarding halls for students, with a written agreement, that in case of any subsequent transfer of their Professors elsewhere, an equitable remuneration be made for the improvements they might leave behind?"

This question received the following answer: In the affirmative; with the understanding that the sentence "*in case it elected Professors to a place in the faculty of its Seminary,*" be changed so as to read, "*in case it confirmed the election of such Professors to a place in the faculty of its Seminary.*"

With these instructions, the whole matter was referred to the commission appointed at the last Convention.

At the next Convention of the General Council, at Rochester, in 1871, Dr. W. A. Passavant and Revs. Erl. Carleston and Frank Richards, a sub-committee of the Commission, reported, "That owing to the recent calamity which, befell our churches at Chicago, it was found impossible to meet and deliberate upon these important matters. They, therefore, ask for time until the next Convention, which was granted.

In the minutes of the sixth Convention, held at Akron, O., in 1872, we find that the sub-Committee presented a report as well as a Constitution for the proposed Seminary. This was considered, item by item, and it was resolved, that, in order to make the action of the Council at Lancaster, Ohio, 1870, consistent with its adoption of Art. 3, Sec. 2, of this Constitution, the answer to Question 4, p 45, Minutes of 1870, was reconsidered and amended so as to read: "The Directors, *after the first election*, shall be elected by the General Council, on the nomination of the District Synods uniting in sustaining the Seminary, each Synod nominating Clerical and Lay Directors in such ratio as the General Council shall from time to time determine."

This action is followed by the report of the "sub-Committee on Chicago Seminary," from which we take the following:

1. They offer to the General Council, from one of our ministers, a deed in fee simple, of four acres of land adjoining the City of Chicago, as the site of the Theological Seminary. The market value of this property is now $16,000, but its prospective value is much greater. After describing it, and its advantages, the report adds: "The donation is made without conditions, except the necessary one, that it shall be the site of the proposed Seminary for a period of twenty-five years, after which as the Providence of God seems to direct, and the General Council elects, the property may remain the site of the Seminary or be sold, provided however, that the property be sacredly devoted to the support of the same Seminary in or near the city of Chicago."

"The committee are happy in being able to state, that they have a subscription of $1,500 for the support of the first English Professor who may be elected, for one year, and a personal pledge or obligation by a member of the committee, to raise a similar sum for the second year, should there be no endowment by that time."

3. "The Committee express the confident belief that the sum of $10,000 can be raised from individuals and churches during the coming year, for the erection of the most necessary buildings, so that by the 1st of September, 1873, they may be ready for occupancy, without the encumbrance of debt."

The Constitution proposed by the Committee was a modification of that of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Committee did not prepare a charter, "as the amended Constitution of Illinois prohibits the granting of special charters, and the title of the property is to be vested in the General Council."

Furthermore the Committee proposed (a) that at this Convention an election be held for the Board of Directors of the Seminary, and also for the first English Professor.

(b) That the General Council invite, and hereby does respectfully invite the Augustana Synod, if possible, to unite the Theological department of the Augustana Synod's Institution, at Paxton, with the new Theological Seminary at Chicago.

(c) That the Board of Directors be authorized to make the particular arrangements with the Augustana Synod to consummate the union contemplated, subject to the ratification of this Body. Thereupon the Convention,

"*Resolved*, That we accept the gift of four acres of ground near Chicago, as a site for the Theological Seminary, tendered through the sub-Committee; and that the thanks of the General Council are due and hereby tendered to the Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D., for this generous gift for this institution."

Revs. Drs. W. A. Passavant T. N. Hasselquist and Rev. E. Carlson were appointed a committee to nominate Directors, and Revs. J. A. Seiss, D.D., H. W. Roth, G. W. Mechling, S. Klingman, T. N. Hasselquilt, D.D., and J. H. Hunton, were appointed "to present a name or names for the action of the Council in the election of the English Professor in the Seminary.

The latter committee unanimously agreed to present the name of the Rev. Prof. Henry E. Jacobs, of Gettysburg, Pa., and the General Council forthwith proceeded to elect him. The persons recommended by the Committee, to constitute the Board of Directors were also elected.

Dr. Passavant was appointed to notify the Directors of the Chicago Theological Seminary, of their election and to call them together at their first meeting.

The English Corresponding Secretary was instructed to inform Rev. Professor H. E. Jacobs of his election.

The Constitution of the Chicago Seminary, approved at this meeting, is found in the Appendix of the Minutes of 1872.

At the next Convention of the General Council, at Erie, 1873, Dr. Passavant reported "that no meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Chicago had been held; and the English Corresponding Secretary reported that he had officially notified Rev. H. E. Jacobs." In the same Minutes, page 32, we find the following, taken from the Minutes of the Augustana Synod:

1. That the Synod hereby expresses its sincere gratification at the measures taken to establish the proposed Theological Seminary at Chicago, and at the election of the Rev. H. E. Jacobs as its first English Professor.

2. That owing to our peculiar situation, arising from the removal of our institution to Rock Island, and to the fact that Dr. Hasselquist, our only Theological Professor, is necessarily needed in the college department, and also from the nature of the charter of our institution, the Synod is not prepared at present to accede to the fraternal invitation of the General Council to remove its Theological department to Chicago.

On page 57 of the minutes (of the General Council) of 1873, we find a report of the Directors of the Chicago Seminary in which it is stated:

1. "That an Executive Committee of six be appointed with authority to make provision for the payment of the Professor's salary, and the accomodation of Professor and students, without, however, involving the Board in debt. Rev. Dr. W. A. Passavant, E. Carlson, Samuel Wagenhals, and Messrs. A. A. Klove and L. H. Johnson were appointed said committee, with instructions to select the sixth member.

2. That Rev. E. Carlson and Mr. L. H. Johnson be appointed a committee to consult E. B. McCagg & Co. of Chicago, in regard to the legality of the titles of the site of the Seminary.

"The report was received and in connection with it, the resolutions of the Swedish Augustana Synod in reply to the request of the Council, made at the last Convention, to unite the Theological department of their institution at Paxton, with the Theological Seminary at Chicago, were also read, giving the reasons why this could not be done at the present time."

The Council also filled a vacancy in the Board of Directors.

In the Minutes of the next Convention, held at Jamestown, N. Y. in 1874, we find a report of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Seminary, who met in that place. Dr. Hasselquist acting as Chairman and Rev. E. Carlton as Secretary. The Rev. Dr. Passavant presented the deeds of the site for the Theological Seminary, duly examined and approved by E. B. McCagg, Esq., of Chicago, as provided for by a resolution of the Board at its Convention in Erie, and, on motion, the Secretary was instructed to have them recorded in the records of Cook county, Ill.

"Owing to the fact that shortly after our last meeting at Erie, the official declinature of Rev. Prof. Jacobs, as the Eng-

lish Theological Professor in the Chicago Seminary, was communicated to us, no steps could be taken by the Board either to make collections or to prepare for the opening of the Seminary. Under the painful disappointment which followed this declinature, the Board could only very unwillingly defer all action until after this Convention of the General Council."

"The letter of the Rev. Prof. Jacobs, declining the call to the professorship tendered him in the proposed Theological Seminary at Chicago, was read, whereupon it was

Resolved, That having read the letter of Rev. Prof. Jacobs, declining the professorship to which he was elected in the Chicago Theological Seminary, in view of all the circumstances of the case, action upon the acceptance of his resignation be deferred until our next annual Convention."

In the minutes of the next Convention, at Galesburg, Ill. 1875, we find that the members of the Board of the Theological Seminary, at Chicago, in attendance upon the General Council, held a meeting in the Swedish Lutheran Church, Dr. Hasselquist presiding, and Rev. O. G. Hatlestad acting as Secretary, and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That it is the conviction of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Theological Seminary, that great damage has resulted to our church in the West, from the unavoidable delay in commencing this institution, and also, that to avoid further injury to this important undertaking, the opening of the Seminary, if possible, be not delayed longer than the first week in September, 1876.

Resolved, 2. That the Board earnestly ask the General Council to request the Rev. Henry E. Jacobs to witdraw his declination, and to accept the Professorship of Systematic Theology to which he was so unanimously and cordially called, by the suffrages of this body.

Resolved, 3. That we request the General Council to elect a Professor of Pastoral Theology at this Convention, and that until special provisions be otherwise made, such other branches of instruction be assigned to him by the Board, as may be consistent with his other engagements.

Resolved, 4. That the Revs. W. A. Passavant and E. Belfour, and Messrs. P. Anderson, and L. H. Johnson, be a Com-

mittee to procure the necessary plans and specifications for the residence of the first Professor on the Seminary grounds at Chicago, and that they be hereby authorized to proceed with its erection during the summer of 1876; provided, however, the necessary means can be secured, so as not to involve this Board or the General Council in any pecuniary obligations.

Resolved, 5. That the Revs. S. Wagenhals, and G. W. Mechling be authorized to solicit subscriptions and donations for this object in the States of Indiana and Ohio, and that the Rev. W. A. Passavant be hereby appointed the General Financial Agent, to obtain funds for the same purpose and for the salaries of the Professors."

"The consideration of this report was resumed, and the following action was taken in reference to it:

Resolved, That while deeply impressed with the importance and desirability of having the Chicago Theological Seminary in full operation as soon as possible, yet, inasmuch as no means have been provided for endowment or the erection of buildings, and forasmuch as the co-operation of the Swedish Augustana Synod cannot now be obtained, that the General Council is not prepared at present to direct that the Institution be opened.

Resolved, That action on the declination of the Rev. H. E. Jacobs of the Professorship in the Chicago Theological Seminary, be deferred until our next annual Convention.

Resolved, That if the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Chicago find it desirable and practicable to make arrangements for the temporary labors of Prof. H. E. Jacobs, at the Seminary at Rock Island, as well as provision for his support, they are hereby authorized to do so."

In the minutes of the next Convention, held at Bethlehem, Pa., in 1876, we find the following:

The Committee on Minutes of District Synods, called attention to the following resolution of the Synod of Indiana:

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Synod, the wants of our Church in the West demand the early establishing of a Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill., as contemplated by the General Council, and that this Synod earnestly recommend to

the General Council the immediate opening of said Seminary for the preparation of young men for mission work."

The only other reference is the following: "Action on the declination of Prof. H. E. Jacobs to accept the Professorship in the Chicago Theological Seminary, to which he had been elected, was postponed until the next Convention."

In the Minutes of the Convention held at Philadelphia, in 1877, we simply read that, "action on the declination of Prof. H. E. Jacobs, of the Professorship of the Chicago Theological Seminary, was postponed."

The General Council did not meet again until two years later, at Zanesville, O., 1879. The only reference to the Chicago Seminary is, that "action (on Dr. Jacob's declination) deferred until the report of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Theological Seminary. No report made."

At the next Convention, at Greensburg, Pa., in 1880, there was also no report. The same holds good at Rochester, N. Y., in 1881; Lancaster, O., 1882; New York, 1883; Monroe, Mich., 1884; Philadelphia, 1885.

At the next Convention, Chicago, 1886, it was

"*Resolved*, That the President and Treasurer of the Grand Council, with Dr. Passavant, appoints a Board of Directors to which the Seminary property shall be duly deeded, to be held in trust for the Grand Council.

Resolved, That the Directors appointed be authorized to make such arrangements working towards the opening of the Seminary as may be made without any pecuniary responsibility of the Council."

At the Convention of the General Council at Greenville, Pa., in 1887, the following resolutions, offered by Rev. Dr. Schmucker, with reference to the Chicago Theological Seminary, were adopted.

1. "That in contemplating the establishment of a Theological Seminary in Chicago, it is the intention of the Council to recognize the fact that the Institution of the Augustana Synod furnishes natural and proper provision for the training of men for the work of the ministry among the Swedish people.

2. That any persons authorized to act for the General Council in the establishment and governance of the Theological

Seminary at Chicago are hereby permanently directed to avoid every occasion of offense by interfering in the work of the Augustana Synod among the Swedes."

On a subsequent page appear the resolutions of the Augustana Synod, presented to the General Council as follows:

"*Whereas*, Our Synod owns a Seminary so near Chicago, and

Whereas, This Synod has the American element well represented in its Seminary, and

Whereas, The Synod looks upon a Seminary in Chicago, established for the purpose of taking up, at least in part, the work among us Swedish Americans, as under the circumstances an occasion for division and separation; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod is of the opinion that the General Council ought not to establish a Seminary in Chicago."

In the same minutes appears the following: "The Committee on the Chicago Theological Seminary presented a report which was read, as follows:

"The undersigned, having been designated in connection with the President and Treasurer of the General Council, to appoint a Board of Directors to which certain property in Lake View, near Chicago, should be deeded to be held in trust for the General Council, and who were "authorized to make such arrangements working toward the opening of the Seminary as might be made without any pecuniary responsibility on the part of the Council," respectively report:

"That shortly after the adjournment of the Council, he was laid aside by a severe illness, and for nearly four months was incapable of all severe labor. On his recovery in the spring, in order the better to carry out the resolution of the Council, he entered upon an extended correspondence with a view to the selection of suitable persons for the proposed Board of Directors, who would not only agree to hold certain properties in trust for the General Council, but would also "work toward the opening of the Theological Seminary" at the earliest day possible. Encouraging progress was made in this direction. When the Swedish Augustana Synod, at its Convention in June, deemed it proper to assume a position toward the proposed institution, which, for the time being, made all further progress unadvis-

able, until the protest, which its delegates to this Convention were authorized to present, could be considered by this body, with the deliberation and candor which the interest of the cause of the education of our future ministery in the West demand.

Whereupon, the action of last year in regard to the proposed Seminary was reaffirmed and the Committee continued.

At the next Convention of the General Council, at Minneapolis, Minn., in 1888, Dr. Passavant offered the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary in Chicago, from which we take the following:

That while a sufficient number of persons had consented to act as members of the Board, "unexpected difficulties presented themselves, owing to the unsettled condition of several of the Western Synods, whose co-operation had been confidently expected in this undertaking. Under these circumstances it was not deemed prudent to take the necessary steps toward the incorporation of the Board, until after the adjournment of this Convention."

A second and equally serious difficulty presented itself in regard to the title of the property. It had been originally deeded to the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, under the impression that such was the corporate name of this body. After all the papers had been prepared for the adjustment of the title, as contemplated by the Council at its two previous Conventions, it was discovered that a corporation bearing the designation on its title page had never been erected, its legal corporate name being: "*The Trustees* of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America."

"Under these embarassing circumstances, as the necessary steps were taken to set aside the original deed, and obtain a second one in favor of a Board of Directors appointed and constituted in compliance with the action of the Council at its recent Convention."

The report goes on to speak of the important improvements that had been made "in the streets and avenues on three sides of the Seminary grounds, involving an outlay of nearly $3,000. "To meet this expense it is proposed to sell a narrow

strip of the original plat, which has been cut off from the Seminary grounds by the construction of a railroad through the same. The proceeds of such sale, it is believed, will place in the hands of the Board of Directors a respectable sum toward the erection of the first and most necessary Seminary building."

This report was adopted. "and the action of two years ago was reaffirmed and the Committee continued."

At the next Convention of the General Council, at Pittsburgh, 1889, Dr. Passavant again presented a report, from which we take the following:

"That the necessary steps toward rectifying the mistake in the original deed, had been successfully taken. That of the strip of land referred to in the last report, five lots had been sold, while the remaining lots on Clark and Nellie streets have been withdrawn from sale for the present, as the property is rapidly increasing in value." But that after all this had been done, "the unexpected action of the Augustana Synod at its Convention in June, 1889, made it necessary to defer further proceedings, (viz: the incorporation of a Board of Directors,) until the meeting of this Body, as the only way of avoiding new and embarrassing complications. This was the request of our Swedish brethren, to transfer to their Synod the property of the proposed Seminary without restrictions, so that the Theological department of the Augustana Synod might be removed to Chicago. As this request virtually implied the abandonment of the proposed Theological Seminary of the General Council in the West, for all time, and would involve the surrender of the valuable property of the Seminary, to the original donor, the proposition of these brethren in the form submitted, could scarcely be entertained."

Whereupon the President of the General Council read the following communication from the Augustana Synod:

The Augustana Synod, at its last Convention, held in June, 1889, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod requests its delegates to the next Convention of the General Council, to petition that body to devote and transfer to the Augustana Synod the property of the General Council held in Chicago, for the purpose of there establishing a Theological Seminary."

After the Rev. Dr. Jacobs had read a paper on the same subject, the whole matter was referred to a special committee which subsequently reported, in substance, as follows:

1. "That the General Council is not in a position to comply with the request of the Swedish Augustana Synod, by reason of the conditions imposed by the original donation of property.

2. That the General Council learns with joy that certain members of this Council have publicly, at this twenty-second Convention thereof, stated the intention to offer to donate to the Swedish Augustana Synod, in fee simple, two acres of land immediately adjoining the property, the transfer of which by this body has been requested by that Synod, for the location in the name of the Augustana Theological Seminary.

3. That should the Swedish Augustana Synod accept the proposed gift of the said two acres of land for the location of its Theological Seminary in Chicago, and establish thereon its Seminary, the General Council would look with favor upon an arrangement which might be made in reference to the lectures and studies in the Augustana Seminary and the intended Seminary of the General Council, or under the control of the General Council on the adjoining property, which might be for the mutual benefit and advancement of both institutions.

4. That such an arrangement of lectures and studies would be in harmony with the original design of the General Council for the establishment of a Seminary at some central point in the West "where the future ministry of our English, German and Scandinavian churches may be educated together in the unity of the common faith confessed and maintained by this body.

5. That the General Council reaffirms its resolution passed in Chicago, in 1886, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the President and Treasurer of the General Council, with Dr. Passavant, appoint a Board of Directors to which the (Chicago) Seminary property shall be duly deeded, to be held in trust for the General Council.

Resolved, That the Directors appointed, be authorized to make such arrangements working toward the opening of the

Seminary, as may be made without any pecuniary responsibility on the part of the Council." This report was adopted.

At the next Convention of the General Council held at Buffalo, N. Y., one year ago (1891) the Committee consisting of the President and Treasurer of the General Council, and Dr. Passavant, reported that in accordance with the resolution passed in Chicago, in 1886, and reaffirmed at Pittsburgh, in 1889, they had appointed a Board of Directors, whose names are given, and that they had accepted the appointment. It is not necessary to give the names. At a subsequent session, Dr. Passavant, President of the Board of Directors, presented the report of that body, the principal items of which are herewith given.

"The necessary legal steps were taken to obtain an incorporation, and on the 29th day of July, 1891, the Secretary of the State of Illinois notified the Committee that the charter submitted to him had been granted."

The following is the instrument of incorporation, as provided by the laws of Illinois, relating to the title, object and officers of the Institution:

1. The Title of this Association shall be: "The Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Chicago, Illinois."

2. The object of this Association shall be to train men of a pure faith, of a holy life and of the requisite natural gifts and education, so that by all necessary learning and practical skill, they may be fitted for the ministry of the Gospel, especially in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

3. The Board of Directors of this Association shall consist of eleven persons, whose election shall be subject to the approval of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, and who shall be subject to removal by the same body, and for the Calendar year beginning with Sept. 1. 1891, shall consist of the following persons: Rev. William A. Passavant, Sr. (President); Rev. C. Koerner, (Secretary); Rev. H. W. Roth (Treasurer); Julius A. Boker, Rev. W. K. Frick, Rev. G. H. Gerberding, M. L. Dick, Rev. S. Wagenhals, August T. Detzer, Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., Rev. Henry Merz, the same being the first year of its existence."

On the 30th of Sept. 1891, the Board was organized, in Chicago, all the members, except two, being present. The charter was read, carefully considered, and unanimously approved. The officers, already mentioned, were elected. Dr Passavant "placed in the hands of the Board a carefully prepared legal paper transfering to the Seminary the property which had been tendered to the General Council, under certain conditions, twenty-one years before.

This gift has been accompanied by vouchers for all taxes and special assesments on the property for improving and paving streets and sidewalks, together with sewers, water mains, gas pipes, and interests from time to time on the same. The receipts were likewise submitted from donations and interests on the same to Oct. 1, 1891, together with proceeds of land sold rebates on assessments, and the sale of five lots on Clark St."

These accounts were audited by a committee, and found to be correct in every particular.

A comittee was appointed to secure a suitable seal. A Building Committee was appointed to contract for the erection of a residence for the first professor.

"The necessity of commencing the instructions of the Seminary rendering it necessary to designate certain persons for the important position of instructors, the Rev. Dr. R. F. Weidner was nominated Professor of Didactic Theology, and Greek and Hebrew Exegesis, and the Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth as Professor of Practical Theology and Church History. In case these nominations are confirmed by the General council at this Convention, their installment as regular professors will take place at an early day."

"An Executive Committee, consisting of the President of the Board, the Secretary, and the two Professors are to provide for the current expenses of the Institution and its internal management, to arrange for additional teaching force, if it be found necessary, to devise ways and means for securing funds for endowment, buildings and additional grounds for the Institution, and to procure money, books, and pamphlets for a Theological Library."

"Finally a Committee was appointed to prepare a draft of a Constitution, consisting of the President and the other officers of the Board, and Rev. Dr. Weidner, and to report the same at

the next session. The understanding is that it shall be submitted to the General Council for its examination and approval."

The report closed by stating, that on October 1, 1891, "the public exercises connected with the opening of the Seminary were held in the Mission Chapel on Addison street (Chicago)."

The General Council, at Buffalo devoted a good deal of time to the consideration of this report, and the relations of the Chicago Seminary to the General Council. Finally "the whole subject matter of said report was referred to your Committee with instructions to report to the next Convention of the General Council. Your Committee, bearing in mind their duty, not merely to consider the report, but "*the whole subject matter*" of the report, and remembering what was said at the Convention in Buffalo, but is not recorded in the Minutes, have deemed it necessary to present this long history, at the risk of wearying you, for in this way only will it become clear to all, what relations this body has sustained to the Theological Seminary at Chicago, and will this Council be able to determine what relation to sustain to it in future.

The history we have given establishes the following:

1. That the General Council is responsible for the establishment of a Theological Seminary at Chicago, and has done everything, except in the way of pecuniary support, to entitle that Institution to be called the General Council's Theological Seminary, in a sense in which that title cannot be claimed by any other institution.

2. That it originally contemplated an institution in which the ministry for our English, German, and Scandinavian people should be trained, and seemed to find itself exceedingly embarrassed when one of its most important Synods, the Swedish Augustana Synod, not only declined to co-operate with it, but objected to its establishment.

3. That it was clearly the intention of the General Council, to keep itself free from all pecuniary responsibility, and that the Seminary should look to certain of the Synods of the General Council, who might unite in sustaining it, for its support.

In view of the facts presented in the preceding narrative, we respectfully offer the following recommendations:

1. That the General Council herewith express its appreciation of the importance and desirableness of the Theological Seminary at Chicago, as well as its confidence in the Board of Directors appointed by this Council, and that it cordially commends the young institution to our pastors and people.

2. That the General Council in view of the past, and in consideration of its relations to the Synods of which it is composed, is persuaded that it is not in a condition to own and to manage a Theological Seminary, and that it will be best for all concerned, if it sustains precisely the same relations to all the Theological Seminaries within its bounds. Two of them, viz: that of the Augustana Synod and the Philadelphia Seminary, at Mt. Airy, are sustained and managed by certain District Synods, and it is the deliberate judgment of the General Council, that the Theological Seminary at Chicago, should be controlled by certain District Synods "uniting in its support." For this reason the General Council declines to act upon the confirmation of the Professors, and the examination and approval of the Constitution for its government, believing that all this can best be done, in this case, as in others, by the brethren who have taken the matter in hand, and by the Synods that may "unite in sustaining it."

In taking this action the General Council places all the Theological Seminaries within its bounds upon an equal footing.

(Signed.)

Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Chicago, Illinois.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Chicago, Ill., who were appointed by a special committee of the General Council, consisting of the President and Treasurer of that body with Rev. W. A. Passavant, Sr. D. D., hereby present their second report, since their incorporation by the Secretary of the State of Illinois, in accordance with the previous action of the General Council on this subject.

The progress of this Institution was given in detail at the last Convention of this Body in October, 1891, together with a

copy of the charter, the names of the Directors, and the designation of certain provisional professors, to whom the instruction of the students of the proposed Seminary had been committed by the Board of Directors. Since then, the Board has held a number of meetings, both regular and special, and under their direction a commencement was made with a small class of students in November, 1891. During the first session, the number of students increased to six regular, five irregular and some sixteen others also placed themselves under the direction of the Faculty to pursue a Post Graduate course.

The second year of the Seminary was commenced on the 6th of Oct., 1892. The number of students in attendance during the second year was 23 regulars, 8 irregulars and 39 who pursued prescribed Post Graduate courses, making 70 in all, and coming from 20 diffierent Synods, viz: 7 from the General Council, 4 from the Southern General Synod, 2 from the General Synod in the North, 2 from the Synodical Conference and 5 from Independent Synods. An excellent spirit prevailed among the students at both sessions, with a devotion to study most commendable, and an earnest purpose to qualify themselves thoroughly for the work of the ministry. At the close of each term, the students were subjected to a rigid examination in the various studies which had been pursued. The progress made was a source of unfeigned satisfaction, alike to their instructors and to the assembled members of the Board.

At the close of both sessions, public exercises with addresses were held in two of our English churches at Chicago at which certificates of standing were given to the students who had sustained an examination in the branches which they had pursued. We are happy to record that an increased interest was thus awakened in behalf of the Seminary, which will yield its fruit in due season. It was a source of great regret to the Board, that owing to the distressing destitution in certain of our Icelandic and other foreign Synods, 5 of the more advanced students were recalled by the officers of these bodies, in order to avoid the disintegration of congregations which could not longer be left unsupplied. This was reluctantly submitted to by the Board and the Faculty only on the condition that the course of studies would be diligently pursued, and that they would return in due time for an examination in the branches of study which had not yet been pursued.

The necessity of a residence on the grounds of the Seminary for the First Professor, and the equally necessary building of a Dormitory for the students, were subjects of anxious deliberations.

After long and patient consideration, the work of erecting both these buildings was undertaken in dependance upon the Divine aid, and by his blessing both have been completed and are now occupied. The residence of the First Professor is a capacious edifice of brick and is all that could be desired for a home and a library. The Dormitory is a large and substantial brick building, three stories and an attic in height, with a basement for necessary purposes. The first story has been divided into four lecture rooms and those are light and of a sufficient size for present purposes. The second and third stories and the attic, with the exception of the Library, are divided into rooms for the accomodation of 48 students. The building is much admired as a model of its kind, in the way of health, comfort and convenience. Both houses are heated by steam and lighted by gas, and are provided with bath rooms and other modern improvements. Their necessity was so pressing, owning to the exhorbitant rents and the lack of a home life in common, that their erection could not be longer delayed. The stringency of the times seriously interfered with the sale of lots on North Clark St., which had been cut off from the Seminary grounds by the Chicago & Evanston R.R., but by the good hand of God upon us, temporary loans were made to meet the heavy cost of erection.

It is necessary to mention that owing to the unexpected increase of students during the second term, additional teaching force had to be secured. This was made possible by the appointment of an instructor in the person of Rev. W. A. Sadtler Ph. D., who has with much acceptance, devoted a number of hours each week to certain branches of study, although with no small sacrifice and painstaking labor to himself.

On Wednesday afternoon, October 4th, 1893, the opening exercises of the third year were held in the "Mann Memorial" room of the new Dormitory, with a solemn religious service of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for all His benefits. At the same time, brief addresses were made by members of the faculty and the Board of Trustees, calling the especial attention of the

students to the importance of a positive scriptural faith and a holy life. The number of new students with those previously in attendance will probably be some 35, while those already registered as having entered upon the Post Graduate course has increased to sixty for the present year.

The results attained in the brief history of the Seminary, fully justified the conviction of its friends that the material in the West from which to draw a constantly increasing number of students of our various Lutheran nationalities, as well as from our English speaking congregations, is most abundant. It is already found in large measure in the Seminaries of the various American denominations and we are convinced from the experience of the past two years, that many devout young men need only to know of the existence and advantages of this institution, gladly to avail themselves of the opportunity to receive a theological education in the English language and in a Seminary of their own Communion.

We record, with profound gratitude to God, the many providences which have marked the history of the institution from its inception to the present time. The blessings of God have been upon the undertaking from the beginning, but never more manifestly than during the two past years of its active operation. We were without counsel, we had no strength, but our eyes were unto the Lord. This imperfect trust has not been put to shame or confusion. On the contrary, the presence of the Lord has been felt at every step, making the labor easy and the burden light. The work accomplished has been done through God, with God and for God, and unto Him shall be all the praise.

Finally we mention that the entire property in Lake View originally donated to the General Council on certain conditions and which had been legally secured to the incorporated institution by a carefully prepared instrument of writing, as stated in our report to the last Convention in Buffalo, has since been transferred by the doners in fee and that the deed is in the hands of the Treasurer.

By order of the Board.

W. A. Passavant, Sr., President,
C. Koerner, Secretary.

The following resolution was also adopted:

The General Council requests, that the changes rendered necessary by this action in the charter of the Chicago Seminary be made to conform to the above action, and that these changes be made in such way as not to imperil the historical connection and thorough doctrinal unity of said Institution with this body.

The Committee on the report of the Publication Board reported, and the report was received for future consideration. The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was received. In answer to a question raised by this report the following resolution was adopted: That all the Boards of this Council shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in the interim between the Conventions of this Council.

A motion making the Superintendent of Foreign Missions, ex-officio a member of the Board, was postponed until after the election of these Boards at this Convention.

It was Resolved that we hereby heartily express our appreciation of the effective and valuable services of W. H. Staake, Esq., as Treasurer of this Board.

It was also Resolved that this General Council reccommends to the Board of Foreign Missions that they send the Superintendent of Foreign Missions to India to inspect the field as soon as they deem it feasible. Rev. Dr. Spaeth offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we rejoice in the progress of our Foreign Mission work as appears from the report presented in such an instructive form at this Convention, and that we commend this great cause to the hearty sympathies and active cooperation of all our synods, trusting that the Lord's blessing will attend our work to the salvation of many souls.

2. That the hearty thanks of this body be tendered to Rev. Dr. C. W. Shaeffer, President of the Board, to Rev. W. Ashmead Schaeffer, Secretary of the Board, and to Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, Editor of the Missionsbote, for the faithful and self-sacrificing services they have rendered in the Foreign Mission work. Finally the report of the Board of Foreign Missions was adopted. (See Appendix 1.)

The report on English Home Missions was made the first order, the report on Young Peoples Associations the second

order, and the report on the President's report the third order for tomorrow morning.

The following committee was appointed to present additional names for the Church Book Committee: Rev. Dr. Repass, Rev. F. A. Kaehler, Rev. W. J. Miller, Rev. S. W. Kuhns, Rev. M. L. Wagner and Rev. Johnston, and Messrs. Oliver Williams and H. J. Klingler.

The following is the Committee on Nominations of Boards:

Rev. Dr. T. L. Seip,
" F. W. Weiskotten,
" G. H. Trabert,
" A. F. Siebert,
" F. Holmes.
Rev. A. W. Walter,
" H. Gerberding,
Mr. J. W. Lewin, M. D.,
Prof. S. M. Hill,

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 tomorrow morning. Prayer by Rev. G. H. Gerberding.

EIGHTH SESSION,

THURSDAY, 8:30 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. H. N. Fegley. The Minutes were read and approved.

The Superintendent of English Home Missions read the report of the Board of English Home Missions, which was received, considered and finally adopted as follows:

Report of the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council.

The Missionary operations of the General Council are on an extensive scale and are carried on within their own territory by the English, German and Swedish Synods constituting the Council; and by three general Boards charged with the care of special English, Swedish and German missionary work outside the specific geographical limits of the District Synods. The entire number of Home Missions in the General Council is 321 and the money expended upon them for the past two years has been $106,700.

The Board of English Home Missions has a limited sphere. It can undertake the establishment and support of specifically English missions only outside of the limits of the District

Synods, which have geographical limits, or within their limits at points specially referred to it by the Synods or their officers. Its headquarters are in Philadelphia, Pa., where it holds frequent meetings and it is composed of the following fifteen gentlemen: Rev. Jos. A. Seiss, D.D., President; Rev. S. Laird, D.D., Secretary; E. Aug. Miller, Esq., Treasurer; Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., Genl. Superintendent: Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, D.D., Myerstown; H. E. Jacobs, D.D., Philadelphia; S. A. Repass, D.D., Allentown; H. Peters, Norristown; O. P. Smith, Pottstown, Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph. D., and Messrs. Henry Lehman, W. W. Kurtz, Jacob Mohr, E. R. Artman and A. Saeger.

In presenting a resume of the work of the Board, we would gratefully acknowledge God's continued interest in and blessing upon their labors and upon the efforts of our missionaries to extend the Kingdom of Christ in important centers of our land. For convenience we divide the report into three heads, the field, the workers and the work.

I.—The Field.

The Lutheran Church must now look upon New England as one of its most hopeful mission fields. With 11,000 of her members already in organized congregations there are yet many new England cities that offer encouraging openings for English missions. Not only have we an English mission with 80 members in Boston, but several other cities have been examined and would yield excellent results to aggressive work if we had the qualified men to push our English interests within them.

The far West offers another inviting field. Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Utah Territory, though it presents an area larger than France, Germany and Holland combined, has but a million and a half of population. And yet in its strategic cities more than one third of their population can be reached, but we have been able to plant English Lutheran missions only in Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, and Salt Lake City, whilst the lack of men and means has compelled the Board to deny the Word and Sacraments up to this time to our Lutheran people in the eight other most important cities in this territory.

But the field for English mission work is in the Middle West or Northwest, in the great States grouped around Chicago and Minneapolis as centers,—Indiana, Michigan, Illinois,

Wisconsin, Minnesota and the two Dakotas,—there are 505,000 communicants gathered into Lutheran churches that use foreign languages in their services. In these seven States with eighty-two cities of 8,000 inhabitants and over, there are only one hundred English congregations of our Faith having 12,000 members. And although the Board has half of all its missions on this territory, it can report only one in Chicago, and that one only a year old, and not one, for example, in Detroit or the other eighteen cities of Michigan.

As our foreign Lutheran brethren, busied as they will be for years to come with the thousands of recently arrived German and Scandinavian emigrants, have neither the means nor men for adequate English work in this field, the necessities of the case demand the most anxious and prayerful attention of the Board of English Home Missions, and all the available resources of the English Lutheran congregations that are behind it in the General Council.

II.—The Workers.

By the action of the Indiana Synod, at its Convention in 1892, the mission work of the Synod was assigned to the control of the Board of English Home Missions. Two missions were thus added to our list, a third was organized in Anderson, Ind., in March, 1893, with thirty-three members, and a fourth was established in Englewood, Chicago, November, 1892, with 18 charter members.

The Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio in 1892, at its Convention in Toledo, instructed its Home Mission Committee to confer with the English Home Mission Board of the General Council, in regard to the transfer of the Home Mission work of the Synod to said Board, and if the transfer can be effected without detriment to the missions, that they be authorized to arrange the same. This action was reiterated at the Convention in 1893.

The new St. Mark's Church, Boston, Mass., the first English Lutheran congregation in New England, was organized by a missionary of this Board, Nov. 28, 1891, with 43 members. On application for aid from the Mission Church of the Redeemer at Binghamton, New York, with 78 members, it was added to our roll, as was also St. Paul's Church, Oakesdale, Washington organized in May, 1892, with 29 members.

It is only just to refer here to the noble persistence that as a rule has marked the conduct of our missionaries in standing by and submitting to great sacrifices for the work to which the Church, through the Board, has called them. When it is also remembered that many of our men are not only hundreds, but even thousands, of miles from home and friends, and that amid discouragements and unfriendly surroundings, they are compelled to labor without resources and sometimes without adequate support. They deserve the commendation and gratitude of the brotherhood, and they often surprise the Board with the astonishingly successful results of their faith and work.

In this spirit Holy Trinity Church, Cleveland, O., Rev. C. I. Kohler, pastor, with 120 members and a church and parsonage free from debt dared to assume self-support Sept. 1st, 1893. The First English Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ill., Rev. M. L. Wagner, pastor, succeeded in paying off the last of its heavy debt and now reports its beautiful $25,000 property free from incumberance. St. James Congregation at Portland, Oregon, Rev. M. L. Zweizig, pastor, completed a commodious brick chapel on Easter 1892, and Zion's, Tacoma, Wash., Rev. G. A. Loder, dedicated its new chapel on the 1st Sunday in August, 1893. The congregation at Red Wing, Minn., St. Pauls, completed its chapel and is free of debt, whilst the new church at Duluth, Minn., for our St. Johns congregation, was dedicated in the fall of 1892. A neat church has also been erected without debt for the Icelandic Mission of the Board at Spanish Fork, Utah, Rev. R. Runolfson, pastor, and Rev. Jas. A. Beates, our Missionary at Salt Lake City is building a church and parsonage to cost $8500 for that important Misson. For our Mission at Binghamton, N. Y., a parsonage has just been completed and the foundation of the new chapel is laid. The following summary presents statistics of the individual missions:

No.	Place.	Members.	Name.	Pastor.	Remarks.
1	Boston, Mass	79	St. Mark's	Rev. Henry Reck	Organ. Nov. 29th, '91. Resigned, Sept. 1st, 1893.
2	Newark, N. J	43	Grace	" M. S. Waters	Vacant a year. Took charge, June 1, '93.
3	Binghamton, N. Y	92	Redeemer	" Wm. F. Bacher	Building chapel.
4	Cleveland, O	125	Holy Trinity	" C. S. Kohler	Self sustaining, Sept. 1, '93.
5	Toledo, O	178	St. Stephen's	Vacant	Rev. J. W. Myers, resigned May 1, '93.
6	Anderson, Ind	34	St. John's	" W. J. Frick	Organ. March, 1893. Took charge, Feb , '93.
7	Frankfort, Ind	74	St. Paul's	" D. L. Reese	
8	Portland, Ind	44	Zion's	" A. V. House	Resigned, Sept. 1st, 1893.
9	Decatur, Ill	83	1st English	" M. L. Wagner	
10	Chicago, Ill	30	St. John's	" W. A. Sadtler	Organ. Nov. 1892.
11	Milwaukee, Wis	117	Redeemer	" W. K. Frick	
12	Duluth, Minn	72	St. John's	" H. L. McMurray	
13	Red Wing, Minn	87	St. Paul's	" A. Steimle	Took charge. Feb. 1893.
14	Minneapolis, Minn	35	Salem	" R. L. Leatherman	
15	St. Paul, Minn	50	Holy Trinity	" W. L. Smith	
16	Fargo, N. Dak	52	St. Mark's	" G. H. Gerberding	Resigned, Sept. 1st, 1893.
17	Salt Lake City, Utah	21	Holy Trinity	" Jas. A. Beates	Church now building.
18	Spanish Fork, Utah	52	Holy Trinity	" R. Runolfsen	Organ. Oct. 1892, and church dedicated.
19	Oaksdale, Wash	29	St. Paul's	" J. K. Efird	Organ. May, 1892.
20	Seattle, Wash	55	Holy Trinity	" J. L. Deaton	Took charge, June 1, '93.
21	Tacoma, Wash	43	Zion's	" A. G. Loder	Resigned, Sept. 1, '93.
22	Portland, Oregon	65	St. James	" W. L. Zweizig	Chapel dedicated, Easter, 1892.

Number of Missions aided during the past two years	22
" " Organized Missions, Sept. 1st, 1893, . . .	17
" " Organized since	5
" " New Churches building	5
" " Church lots secured	5
" " Members (communicant in the Missions)	1,460
" " Infant baptisms	231
" " Confirmations	276
" " Received by certificate	418
" " Losses by death and removal	502
" " Sunday Schools	22
" " Officers, teachers and scholars	1,838
" " Pastoral and missionary visits	11,615
Actual value of church property at cost of lots and buildings	$161,835.00
Indebtedness chiefly for church lots ($10,000 to Ch. Ex. Soc.)	79,262.73
Contributions for local expenses, etc.	26,709.40
Contributions for Missions, education and mercy . .	1,636.89
Total contributions by the missions	28,346.29
Total contributions in the General Council for English Missions	23,027.45

III.—The Work.

As will be seen from the above, progress has been made not only in organizing new congregations, but in building churches and chapels and in paying old debts. And yet so cramped has the Board been for money and so difficult is it to secure men fitted for the many sided work of city missions,—and our work should be essentially city Evangelization in view of the enormous growth of cities and city populations in our land,—that the Superintendent has made no attempts to canvass promising communities. In fact two men, called to new points, had to be released for lack of means to sustain them.

Our main efforts have been directed to acquainting the people with the wants of the field and securing their co-operation and help for the work of the Board. Synods and conferences have been visited, scores of congregations have heard direct reports from the field through the Superintendent, and 43,000 bulletins and leaflets, besides many columns of specially

prepared matter in the Church papers have spread information about English Home Missions.

"Children's Day," the Sunday nearest the 31st of October, has been made a greater home mission festival each year. More than 55,000 envelopes and missionary pockets have been distributed to Sunday Schools, which with the specially prepared mission and reformation services, supplied free to all, have helped to make the ingathering larger each year.

No factor in solving the difficulties of the expensive and discouraging beginnings of our city mission work, has been of greater value than "The Mission and Church Extension Society." This Society now has 440 members, each of whom pays annually $5.00 into its treasury. It also has a number of Life Memberships, so constituted by the payment of $50 at one time. The income of the fund has been more than $6,000 since last January, and its capital now aggregates $16,000 nearly all of which has been loaned without interest to our struggling missions, for periods not exceeding five years.

The Lenten Offering for the Church Extension Fund, which was inaugurated for the first time this year, has been very successful in arousing a wide spread interest in and gathering more than $3,000 for this important auxiliary to our home mission work.

The matter referred by this Body to the Board, regarding the practicability of having the Board of English Home Missions incorporated, is in the hands of a special committee.

The Treasurer's report is in the hand writing of two persons. Our former, most faithful and efficient Treasurer, Henry Beates, Esq., having been compelled by serious sickness to resign last fall, the Board requested E. Aug. Miller, Esq., a well known Lutheran lawyer, of Philadelphia, to assume the responsible position. His willing and efficient services are here most gratefully acknowledged by the Board. The summary of the report of the condition of the Treasury for the past two years, while it shows a steady increase of receipts, also shows a large deficit, part of this, however, being the aggregate shortage of the several years preceding this biennium. The report is from Sept. 1st, 1891 to Sept. 1st, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

Congregations	$9,192 01	
Sunday Schools	6,888 86	
Mission Leagues, Societies, etc.	2,126 09	
Individuals and Synods	2,524 90	
Womens Missionary Society	697 23	
Sundry sources	585 39	
Publication Board	1,000 00	
Loans to pay salaries	9,254 00	
Interest on deposits	12 97	
Total		$32,281 45

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	$23,447 65	
Moving expenses, traveling, postage	961 60	
Printing	306 65	
Loans returned	7,440 83	
Interest	73 51	
Total		$32,230 24

From the above it will be seen that the two years show a handsome advance over the preceding two years, and the steady growth of christian giving for English Home Missions of the General Council may be further exhibited by a comparison of the regular receipts for the past six years:

Two years ending Sept. 1st, 1889	$10,146 53
" " " " " 1891	18,997 93
" " " " " 1893	23,027 45

At the same time, however, that the income increased nearly 130 per cent., the work has grown so rapidly upon the hands of the Board that a debt of $6,500 for carrying it on has already accumulated. A considerable part of this has been caused by a falling off in regular receipts this year, which, if the Board of Publication had not favored us with a donation of $1,000, would have been less by $2,362.15, than that of the preceding year.

It has been suggested that the cause of this is the largely increased contributions made by the same congregations that support the English Missions to the Church Extension Fund, amounting in the last three years to $13,000. But this implies a spirit so mean in Lutheran Christians as would lead them to rob Peter to pay Paul, when God has given them means enough to pay both Peter and Paul and all the other apostles.

The stringency of the times can hardly be made the plea, when only about one half of the English congregations of the General Council have contributed any to this work and in some of our largest and wealthiest charges the amounts given are much below the ability to give and what was reasonably expected from them by the Board to establish the faith of Christ in the great strategic centers of our land.

The real reason lies in the fact that the Synods have largely failed to consider the apportionment made by the Council for this special work as of sufficient importance to be made binding on the congregations. Nor do those who are set over the congregations in many instances faithfully present to the people the Church's duty and privilege in mission work. We must expect large things from our congregations and ask for them with persuasive earnestness. Why should any servant of Christ be timid about asking gifts for missions? Why should any be faint-hearted if those with whom they plead are apathetic or even unbelieving? The Master's command is clear. The Church's duty is plain; with more resolute faith, more sustained purpose, and more systematic method the embarrassment of debt will be cleared away and the work will be enlarged in proportion to the dignity of this Body, the demands of our splendid mission field and the necessities of its hosts of perishing souls.

The recommendations of the Board of English Home Missions to which it invites the attention and action of the General Council are as follows:

1. In view of the growing demands of the work and the necessity of providing for the deficit which now greatly hampers it, your Board asks an appropriation of $15,000 for each of the next two years, the same to be apportioned as follows: The Pennsylvanian Minnisterium $9,000. The Pittsburgh Synod $3,000. The Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio $1,200 The Indiana Synod $800. The English Synod of the Northwest.

2. As the interests of Church Extension and Home Missions are so intimately connected and the need of a much larger Church Extension Fund is imperative to supplement our growing mission work, we recommend that the season of Lent be set apart as a time and the officers of the Church Extension Society be authorized to arrange for the gathering of an annual Lenten Self-Denial offering for the Church Extension

Fund. And that synods provide an extra column in their parochial reports for monies received for church extension.

3. The Board, believing that all available information on the subject of the consolidation of mission work in the hands of one or more general mission boards will be valuable for the future consideration of this question, would recommend the appointment of a committee to report upon the subject at the next Convention of the General Council.

4. We recommend that 2000 extra copies of this report be separately printed by the English Secretary of the Council and furnished to the Board.

Jos. A. Seiss, D.D., Pres.
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Rev. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., was chosen as Archivarius of this Council. Rev. C. J. Petri offered the report of the Swedish Home Mission Committee, which was received and adopted as follows:

Report of The Swedish Home Missionary Board to the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America.

The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. Viewing these innumerable multitudes, which surge from shore to shore like the waves of the ocean without rest or regularity and those few who should spread abroad that Gospel which gives peace to the troubled heart and establishes order and security in spheres large and small, it is not to be wondered at that the Saviour said "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few." Yet it is to be wondered at that even this very day we must with truthfulness express the same sentiment. The Gospel, that word which truly makes free, has, it is true, pressed forward to many nations and countries, but notwithstanding this the multitude, which is gathered in the folds of the Church of Christ is comparatively small if compared to the host of those who are more or less strangers to the power and truth of the Gospel. Not less than about 65,000 of our Swedish Lutheran people have arrived in this free country of ours since the

last convention of the General Council. This great mass of immigrants, together with the natural increase of the population, constitutes a very considerable figure. The harvest is plenteous. We have enough to do to minister to those who are already gathered together, but we must at the same time bring those into the church who have established their abode in innumerable places. If they were settled in larger communities the work would be much easier and less expensive, but they are very scattered. Many of these sojourn, at least for some time, in our larger cities where the church work is generally very expensive. Our force of laborers has not increased in the same proportion in which our field has enlarged. Since the last Convention of the General Council fifty pastors have been added to our number, many of whom labor on our missionary fields.

Immigrant Mission.

Our Immigrant Mission on Ellis Island is in such a condition that we have every reason to be thankful. It is true that it was somewhat hampered last fall by the prevailing cholera epidemic at the harbor of New York, but our missionary did not need to be idle. Mr. Carl Schuch is appointed as our permanent missionary and he labors among the immigrants with unceasing energy. He distributes monthly tens of thousands of our Lutheran papers and tracts. We esteem it a great blessing and advantage to the immigrants that we are able to put in their hands our Lutheran papers and pamphlets, which they can peruse both during their railway journey as well as upon their arrival at their respective destinations. We have beautiful proofs of this specific mission work. During my travels this summer, I have found many a family, who fervently thanked the Lord for this mission among the immigrants, and for the papers and tracts they had received. One woman living in far away Utah related that she in her joy had read that number of Augustana, which she had received, so many times that she knew the whole by heart. Our missionary is also requested to give the poor and sick immigrants material assistance, in order that they may not feel so unhappy and forsaken when they stand there without friends and acquaintances. It is the intention of our Synod to establish a home for our immigrants, as soon as it finds itself able to do so.

Maine.

A few years ago a small church was established in New Sweden, Me. Rev. A. Hedin was its pastor. Without even saying a word to his nearest colleagues, or to his Superiors, he left the church and connected himself with the Baptists. The influence such an act would have upon the congregation is evident. It was almost dissolved. Rev. M. U. Norburg, pastor of the powerful and energetic church in Compello, Mass., then left his faithful flock, and with great self-denial undertook to gather together the dispersed church at New Sweden. With great faithfulness and perseverance has he endeavored to gather the scattered and the doubting, and those who yet remain outside of that little flock. He has solicited money in order to repair the church and parsonage, and visited many of our countrymen living in other parts of the State. He has collected the greater part of his salary from these, and has only received a small part of his salary from the mission fund. The church at New Sweden will from all appearances in a few years be self-sustaining.

Florida.

In this State we have two congregations, one in Upsala, Orange Co. consisting of about thirty communicants and another in Pierson having about the same membership. Our zealous missionary, Rev. Axelson, has also commenced mission work in Forest City, De Lano, Orido, Apopka, and Oakland. The Presbyterians have endeavored to draw our people away from our Lutheran Church. Churches are already erected at Pierson and Upsala, but at the other places, we have as yet been compelled to rent accomodations in which to conduct our services. Both real estate and the necessaries of life are very expensive in Florida which is a great hindrance to our mission which is there compelled to live, as it were, by alms.

Utah.

In the valley of the Mormons we have four small churches with a membership of about one hundred and fifty. The services and Sunday Schools are quite well attended. We hope that the Lord in his power, will at least gather in the children of those erring ones, even though the older ones seem incorrigible. Our church property in Utah is worth about $40,000.00

This summer we have erected a new parsonage at Salt Lake City at a cost of nearly $3,000. Rev. Linder, our faithful missionary in Salt Lake City, has been compelled to resign the position on account of ill-health and has removed to Illinois. Rev. A. P. Martin, who for three years had in charge the congregation at Provo Santaguin, has accepted a call to Salt Lake City and is already settled there. Utah demands a great deal of patience and sacrifice and very few are willing to undertake the labor on those fields. Several among the members of our Synod seem to entertain the idea that it is of no consequence to spend such an amount of labor and money among the Mormons, because they consider them so perverse as to be neither able nor willing to give up the rotteness of this Sodom of today. This is true to a certain extent, but one must not forget that a new generation is growing up in Utah. A very large portion of these are not Mormons and must be looked upon as heathens. We hope and pray that "The day spring from on high" may visit these also, who now live in the greatest ignorance concerning salvation and new life.

Pacific Conference.

This conference is now divided into two different conferences, the California Conference and the Columbia Conference. These conferences are as yet young and feeble and not yet able to sustain themselves, wherefore they are compelled to apply for help to the Synod. The conferences conduct their own mission work and the Synod assists them with money, as far as the funds in the Treasury will allow. Thirteen years have passed away since the Synod commenced its mission work on the Pacific Coast. We have now there a membership of more than three thousand, and church property valued at $80,000. The work has not been in vain, in praise to the Lord be it said.

The Augustana Synod now consists of eight conferences, whose territory is fixed by the Synod. Each of them has its own Board of Missions, which carries on the work with zeal and energy on their respective fields. The work necessary on them may be imagined, when I state that Minnesota has been assigned over and above the older fields, also the fields of Canada, where our missionaries have found settlers even from the so called "Svenskby" in the far South West of Russia, who have preserved the knowledge of the Swedish language in their

strange surroundings, for one hundred and fifty years. Iowa is fully occupied with the great State of Missouri, Nebraska with Wyoming, Kansas has Texas and New Mexico. If I, in this report, should endeavor to report further concerning the mission work, it would become more extensive than would be proper.

The mission funds which have been gathered amount to $33,335.57.

At the Synodical Convention at Lindsborg, 1892, a special treasurer was elected to have charge of the funds collected for the Foreign Mission. Rev. Prof. Forsander filled that office last year. Prof. P. M. Lindberg was elected at the last Convention of our Synod. The Synod has decided that all the funds collected for the Foreign Mission shall go to the General Council's Mission in India unless the doner has specified to what particular branch of the work he desires his gift to be applied.

With reference to the resolution passed at the last Convention of the General Council concerning the reception of the Synod of the North West, which question was postponed until the present meeting, our Synod passed the following resolutions at its Convention in 1892, in Lindsborg, Kansas, and instructed the delegation to this Honorable Body, to present them at the meeting, viz:

Whereas, Within the territory of the Augustana Synod where exists no Synod in connection with the General Council, notably in Minnesota, the Council's English Home Mission Committe has, in violation of the rules and resolutions adopted at the meeting of the General Council, at Lancaster, Ohio, 1882, organized English Missions which do not stand under the control of the Augustana Synod or its conferences, and has countenanced the organization of the Synod of the North West, as an independent Synod, without even asking the consent of the Augustana Synod.

(*a*). We do hereby instruct the delegates of our Synod to the General Council, to present to that Body a statement of the interpretation, which the Swedish Augustana Synod puts upon the rules and regulations adopted by the General Council for the government of the English Home Mission Committee,

as expressed in the preamble and resolutions adopted by our Synod at its meeting held at Lindsborg, 1892.

(*b*). And we further instruct said delegates to inform the General Council that it is utterly impossible for the Swedish Augustana Synod to co-operate with the English Home Mission Committee, except upon the basis of our interpretation of said rules and regulations.

(*c*). Furthermore, we instruct said delegates to inform the General Council that in case the Synod of the North West is admitted into the General Council, the Swedish Augustana Synod would take the liberty to state, that it will be likewise impossible for the Synod to co-operate with the Synod of the North West, except upon the basis of uniformity in church discipline and mutual christian courtesy and good will, with reference to the reception and dismission of members.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Report of the Emigrant Mission Board was offered by Rev. J. Nicum, D.D., and also the report of said Board on the Ward's Island Mission, which was received and ordered printed as follows:

Report of the Emigrant Mission Board of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in N. A.

During the two years now past, from October, 1891 to October, 1893, our Emigrant Mission has, thanks to the protection and guidance of our faithful Lord, continued to prosper. The Emigrant House, the center of our entire work, during this time numbered as its guests 25,101 persons, all of whom found their christian reception and entertainment, faithful counsel and assistance in case of need, so that they were able to make their transit through New York in peace and undisturbed by the dangers that immigrants are here usually beset with. The last two annual reports of our Lutheran Emigrant House are subjoined, giving all the necessary information concerning the workings of the institution.

With reference to the churchly aspect of our mission in particular we may say, that the strangers in our gates were welcomed with the salution of the love of Christ and of his church. Every morning and evening they were gathered for devotional

services at our house and as occasion afforded, also at Ellis Island, the present landing place for immigrants, a great number of new testaments, tracts, and Lutheran periodicals were distributed among them; those of our household of faith in particular were furnished with the addresses of Lutheran ministers and churches at the places where they intended to settle. In this way, we believe, that the immigrant mission has been instrumental in bringing back and preserving to their Lutheran Zion thousands of the newly immigrated and that the rate of increase of the Lutheran church in our land has during the last decades been so surprisingly large is certainly in no small measure due to the active carrying on of mission work among the immigrants.

The pecuniary assistance which our mission and its poor have had, was derived solely from the free gifts of the friends of the cause. Information concerning the receipts and expenditures of the treasury for carrying on our mission as well as that for assisting the poor immigrants will be found in the report of the treasurer, Mr. W. A. Schmitthenner, which is appended to this report.

Your Committee held regular quarterly meetings, supervised the work of the missionary, made itself acquainted with the status and growth of the important work, and strove to further it, as much as in them lay, whilst individual members of the committee showed their interest by appearing even more frequently and rendering active assistance by word and deed.

It is to be regarded as an evidence of divine help and protection, especially deserving of our grateful recognition, that at the time, when the whole Bowling Green block, of which our Emigrant House is part, was to be bought up by the U. S. Government for the purpose of a new Custom House and when the property had been actually condemned, the Lord spake: "Take counsel together and it shall come to nought, for God is with us." By act of Congress in Washington, on the 2nd of March, 1893, the whole action of condemnation was finally rendered of none effect and our dear Emigrant House with its mission remains as heretofore at the old, so favorably located, place.

May the Lord in the future also mercifully acknowledge our work and preserve to it the interest and support of the church.

W. Hauff, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Of the Immigrant Mission Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran General Council from July 1st, 1892, to July 1st, 1893.

1892.

July 1, To balance in Mission account	$340 65	
" " " Poor fund	81 59	
		$422 24

RECEIPTS FOR MISSION ACCOUNT.

Donations from Synods, Congregations, Ladies' Societies, Sunday Schools and Individuals as published in the Church papers	$767 62	
From Mrs. E. N. Endlich, of Reading, as per wish of her late husband	150 00	
		$917 62

RECEIPTS FOR POOR FUND ACCOUNT.

Donations as above published	$400 30	
Sum Total		$1,740 16

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MISSION ACCOUNT.

Salary of Missionary Rev. W. Berkemeier, one year	$600 00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR POOR FUND ACCOUNT.

129 cases assistance to poor immigrants, in cash and for traveling expenses	$306 43	
110 cases special meals	11 00	
15,925 F. Andrews coffee tickets	159 25	
		$476 68
		$1,076 68

1893.

July 1, To balance for Mission Account	$658 27	
" " " Poor fund	5 21	
		$663 48
Sum Total		$1,740 16

New York, July 1, 1893.

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, New York, August 19, 1893.

W. HAUFF,
L. F. J. ANGER. } Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Of the Immigrant Mission Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran General Council from July 1st, 1891, to July 1st, 1892.

1891.

July 1, To balance in Mission account	$18 80	
" " " Poor fund.	340 61	
		$359 41

RECEIPTS FOR MISSION ACCOUNT.

Donations from Synods, Congregations, Ladies' Societies, Sunday Schools and Individuals as published in the Church papers	$717 10	
One half of a special collection	$204 75	
Contributed by the Lutheran Emigrants' House Association	200 00	
		$1,121 85

RECEIPTS FOR POOR FUND ACCOUNT.

Donations as above published	$384 45	
Advanced to immigrants, returned.	18 25	
		$402 70
Sum Total		$1.883 96

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MISSION ACCOUNT.

Salary to Missionary Rev. W. Berkemeier . .	$600 00	
Balance of salary to Rev. A. B. Lilja	200 00	
		$800 00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR POOR FUND ACCOUNT.

173 cases assistance to poor immigrants, in cash and to continue their journeys . . .	$504 72	
15,700 St. Andrew's coffee tickets	157 00	
		$661 72
Total Disbursements		$1,461 72

1892.

July 1, To Balance for Mission account	$340 65	
" " " Poor fund	81 59	
		$422 24
Sum Total		$1,883 96

New York, July 1, 1892.

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, New York, July 14, 1892.

W. HAUFF,
L. F. J. ANGER. } Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Of the "Ellis Island and Sick Immigrant's Mission Committee," (formerly Ward's Island Mission) of the Evangelical Lutheran General Council, from July 1st, 1892, to July 1st, 1893.

1892.
July 1, CASH ACCOUNT BALANCED.

Donations from Synods, Congregations, Sunday Schools, Ladie's Societies and Individuals as published in the Church papers	$541	11
Special Christmas presents	10	00
		$551 11

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salary of Missionary Rev. L. H. Gerndt for one year, the receipts	$492	02
Special Christmas presents	10	00
Traveling expenses to the various hospitals, visiting sick immigrants	49	09
		$551 11

1893.
July 1, CASH ACCOUNT BALANCED.

New York, July 1, 1893.

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, New York, Aug. 21, 1893.

W. HAUFF,
L. F. J. ANGER, } Comittee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Of the "Ellis Island and Sick Immigrant's Mission Committee," (formerly Ward's Island Mission) of the Evangelical Lutheran General Council, from July 1st, 1891, to July 1st, 1892.

1891.
July 1, To Balance $3 45

RECEIPTS.

Donations from Synods, Congregations, Sunday Schools, Ladies' Societies and Individuals as published in the Church papers	$320	96
One half of a special collection	204	75
		$525 71
		$529 16

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salary of Missionary Rev. L. H. Gerndt, one year	$480	00
Special Christmas present for the same	10	00
Traveling expenses to the various Hospitals, visiting sick immigrants	39	16
	$529	16

1892.
July 1, CASH ACCOUNT BALANCED.

New York, July 1, 1892.

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, New York, July 14, 1892.

W. HAUFF,
L. F. J. ANGER, } Committee.

Ward's Island Mission.

In regard to the Ward's Island Mission your committee respectfully reports, that the former Missionary, Rev. L. H. Gerndt, has been appointed City Missionary of New York by the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of New York, and his connection with your committee has ceased.

W. HAUFF,
Secretary.

It was resolved that Epiphany Sunday be recommended to be set aside by each congregation and Sunday School for holding special Foreign Mission Services.

The report of the Committee on the report of the Publication Board, was taken up for consideration and finally adopted as follows:

The Committee to which was referred the Report of the Publication Board respectfully reports as follows, upon such parts of it as require action:

1. As to the Sunday School Book without music.

Resolved, That in consequence of the action of this Convention ordering a revision of the Sunday School Book, we deem it not desirable to make such changes in the Sunday School Book, as was proposed in '84, but instruct the Committee to publish additional copies of the S. S. Book without music, exercising their judgment as to securing a copyright.

2. As to the definition of the respective powers and duties of the Editing Committee and the Publication Board, in order to prevent misunderstandings:

Resolved, That in the future these powers be so defined as to make it the right of the Publication Board to submit proposals to the Editorial Committee, as to form, styles and other mechanical properties of books to be published. In case of differences of opinion the final decision belongs to the Editorial Committee. All contracts are to be made by the Publication Board.

3. As to the recommendation to establish a general headquarters for the Boards and Agencies of the General Council located in Philadelphia:

Resolved, That the Committee be hereby empowered to take this step whenever in its judgment it may seem prudent and to our interest so to do.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. W. Roth,
M. H. Richards.
J. C. Kunzmann,

The Report of the Publication Board was adopted and ordered to be printed as follows:

Report of the Publication Board.

Your Board of Publication herewith respectfully presents the following report. Immediately after your last convention an organization was effected by electing as officers the Rev. H. Grahn, President; Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, Secretary; and Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D., Treasurer.

The Secretary was requested to continue as agent. This he did until the month of May 1892, when, at his suggestion, the Rev. Jno. K. Plitt was chosen to this position.

Monthly meetings of the Board were held.

At Buffalo you ordered that all your books should bear the imprint of this, your own Board alone. The necessary change in the plates of the books has been made, as well as the change ordered in the title page of the Church Book, and no further editions will be issued except with said imprint.

Of the "Pulpit Edition" of the Church Book 250 copies were printed and issued as soon as possible.

Three editions of the 16mo Church Book amounting to 16,400 copies were printed. The binder to whom the binding of the first edition was given failed in furnishing the quality of workmanship which we need for our books. The binding was therefore transferred to another firm, which has the reputation of doing some of the best and finest binding in the City of Philadelphia.

The seperate reprint of matter not contained in the old Church Book, was issued under the title determined upon, and with the title page plate furnished us by your Editorial Committee, viz: "From the New Church Book; Matin's, Vespers, Confession and Additional Hymns." Two thousand copies were printed and one thousand bound in limp muslin.

Rev. H. Grahn, who for a number of years so ably filled the office, resigned the Presidency of the Board, October 25, 1892. The reasons given for this step were of such a nature that we could not refuse his request to be relieved, and with great reluctance accepted the resignation. Rev. Hiram Peters was thereupon elected to the office thus made vacant.

As increasing business required more time and labor of our agent, the Board in the month of April last resolved to increase his salary from one hundred dollars per annum, as heretofore, to two hundred dollars.

In the year 1883 (See Minutes of General Council A. D. 1883, page 85) the Church Book Committee presented to you certain requests concerning the German Sunday School Book as follows:

1. "That the opening Antiphons of the Vesper Service be placed at the beginning of the service, instead of the opening sentences."

2. That the hymn may follow the Psalm, instead of preceding it."

3. "Whether the change, if ordered to be made in the German Sunday School Book, should also be at once made in the English edition, is submitted for decision."

Sections 1 and 2 were adopted, and the changes therein suggested were ordered to be made. On section 3 action was postponed for one year.

In 1884 the "Committee on Minutes of last year" reported this as unfinished business, and (See Minutes A. D. 1884, p. 98) it was then

Resolved, "That the change be also made in the English Sunday School Book as in the German."

It is important that the change thus ordered be made, as it will enable the General Council to obtain copyright for the Sunday School Book without music, in the name of its Trustees. We have not been able to proceed in this matter, as the necessary copy has not been furnished us, and would therefore respectfully ask for additional instructions.

In the spring of this year we were able to issue the small Church Book. Five thousand copies were printed. It is furnished bound in either one or two volumns, as purchasers may desire.

At the request of some of the members of Synods connected with this Body, your Board sent sample copies of your books in various styles of binding for exhibit at the Columbian World's Fair at Chicago. These books are enclosed in a fine book case with glass doors, in the space allotted for the Lutheran Exhibit in the North West gallery of the Liberal Arts building.

Rev. D. H. Geissinger, a worthy member of this Board, having removed to Pittsburgh, Pa., feeling that he could no longer, on account of the distance, attend our meetings, resigned from the Board. As he was greatly interested in our work, we regret exceedingly, that he can no longer be with us.

During the past two years on several occasions, misunderstandings have arisen between the Board and the English Editorial Committee. In order that this may be prevented in future, we would respectfully request the General Council clearly and distinctly to explain and define the respective duties and powers of this Board and of the Editorial Committee.

Your Board has carefully considered the matter referred to it, viz: The advisability of, as far as possible, issuing and selling all our books from one and the same primary depository. All our books can now be obtained, either of our agent, Rev. J. K. Plitt, No. 48, N. Thirty-sixth street, Philadelphia, or at the Lutheran Book Store. We are not prepared to recom-

mend the immediate establishment of an independent depository and yet we would regard the establishment of a general headquarters for the Boards and Agencies of the General Council, which are located in Philadelphia, as a very desirable step.

We refer to the report of our agent and Treasurer for our financial condition, but would direct your attention to the fact that we have paid cash for the plates of the small Church Book $1,177.12, we have transferred to your Treasurer $3,000, making a total gain of $4,177.12.

We have a fine stock of books on hand all paid for, and have no debts. We believe that this showing will prove conclusively, that it is of benefit to the General Council to control its own publications, and that the result will be gratifying to all.

Respectfully Submitted by order of the Board.

H. Peters, President.

F. W. Weiskötten, Secretary.

Receipts From English Books.

From October 1, 1891, to September 12, 1893.

Church Book, new edition	$11,091 94	
" " old edition	390 00	
" " small size	582 03	
		$12,063 97
Little Children's Book		125 29
Sunday School Book with music		52 55
Catechism with Proof Texts		132 19
Ministerial Acts		89 17
Matins, Vespers, &c		33 85
Constitutions for Congregations		12 83
		$12,509 85

Receipts From German Books.

Kirchenbuch, large and small	$5,993 64	
Sountagschulbuch without music	204 61	
Katechismus with Proof Texts	135 47	
" Miniature edition	06	
Ministerial Handlungen	31 13	
Constitution for Congregations	7 70	
		$6,372 61

Both Languages in One Volume.

Ministerial Acts	$51 45	
		$51 45
Total		$18,933 91
Received by Rev. F. W. Weiskotten	$9,027 08	
" " Rev. J. K. Plitt	9,906 83	
		$18,933 91

REPORT OF SAM. P. SADTLER,

Treasurer of "Publication Board of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church" for two years, July '91–Sept. '93.

RECEIPTS.

1891.		
July 21st, From Secretary	$1,392	97
Sept. 3rd, " "	1,930	19
Oct. 6th, " "	87	86
Nov. 9th. " "	312	40
Nov. 18th, " "	248	84
Nov. 30th, Int. on Deposits	6	27
Dec. 19th, From Secretary	273	26
Dec. 23d, " "	560	61
1892.		
Jan. 8th, " "	476	62
Jan. 13th, " "	467	20
Feb. 10th, " "	1,025	20
March 9th, " "	1,289	46
April 3d, " "	1,391	50
April 20th, " "	223	95
May 13th. " "	399	16
May 31st, Int. on Deposits	13	26
June 8th, From Sec'y & Agt.	652	10
	$10,750	85

Brought over . .	$10,750	85
1892.		
June 27th, From Sec'y & Agt.	103	95
July 13th, " " "	243	16
July 25th, " " "	257	69
Aug. 31st, " " "	602	69
Sept. 28th, " " "	698	47
Oct. 26th, " " "	612	23
Nov. 16th, " " "	751	43
Nov. 30th, Int. on Deposits	23	07
Dec. 14th, From Sec'y & Agt.	687	19
1893.		
Jan. 18th, " " "	1,080	35
Feb. 17th, " " "	897	67
March 15th. " " "	1,065	74
April 19th, " " "	1,664	67
April 20th, " " "	145	50
May 10th, " " "	890	69
June 14th, " " "	456	34
May 31st, Int. on Deposits	11	36
	$20,943	05

RECEIPTS, (Continued.)

1893. Brought over . .	$20,943	05
July 25th, From Sec'y & Agt.	725	56
Sept. 13th, " " "	909	52
Total Receipts	$22,578	13. . . . . $22,578 13

EXPENDITURES

Bills for printing, (as per orders and vouchers)	$2,302	37
" " binding (" " " " ")	8,455	87
" " stereotyping and plates, (as per orders and vouchers)	1,946	02
" " paper, (as per orders and vouchers)	4,496	08
Expenses and salary of Sec'y and Agt, (as per orders and vouchers)	510	01
Traveling Expenses of non-residents, (as per orders and vouchers)	78	94
Insurance on sheets and books, (as per orders and vouchers)	17	40
Advertising, (as per orders and vouchers)	10	50
Paid to Treasurer General Council	4,500	00
	$22,317	19
Balance in Bank	$260	94

SAM. P. SADTLER,
Treasurer.

NOTE.—As the Board was reorganized July 4th, '91, less than three months prior to the last meeting of the General Council, no Treasurer's report was presented them. Hence this report covers the whole period. Of the $4,500 paid the Treasurer of the General Council, $1,500 was paid prior to the Buffalo meeting of the General Council.

The above account has been examined by your Committee and found correct.

JAMES G. FINLEY, }
JAMES N. MOHR, } Auditing Committee.

Address of our Agent:

REV. J. K. PLITT, No. 48 N. 36TH ST., PHILADELPHIA.

The report of the English Editorial Committee was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Young Peoples Associations was ordered printed as an Appendix to the Minutes for future consideration (See Ap. 2).

The Committee on the President's Report offered a report, which was received, and the first and second items were adopted.

The Corresponding Secretaries were instructed to attend to the duties prescribed in the first item.

Pending the consideration of the third item, the Convention adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Kunkelman.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, Oct. 10, 2 P. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. A. W. Walter. The Minutes were read and approved.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on the President's Report was resumed and the report was finally adopted as follows:

Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

The Committee on the President's Report directs the attention of the Council to the following items therein requiring action.

I.—ARBITRATION VS. WAR.

At the last Convention on the presentation of a Memorial "from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church South,

requesting the General Council to cooperate with it and other religious bodies in petitioning the governments of the world, to resort to arbitration and to put an end to war," the Council

Resolved, "That the President be requested to communicate to the Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (South) the assurance of the readiness of the General Council to cooperate in every way possible in putting an end to war."

The Committee recommends that what has been done by the President in reference to this matter in accordance with the above action be approved; and further that we comply with the request, now laid before us, to appoint "a committee to enter into correspondence with the representative bodies of the Lutheran Church throughout the world and urge them to move in this matter."

II.—The Augsburg Synod.

In reference to the presence of delegates from the Augsburg Synod at this Convention, action has already been taken so that no recommendation is needed from this Committee.

III.—The Overture from the General Synod.

The overture presented by the General Synod is a proposal "looking to a closer co-operation of all Lutheran Bodies in this country, in the practical work of our denomination, upon such terms as will secure the largest possible harmony of action in all lines of mutual interest." It therefore "suggests a Conference of Committees to be appointed by the General Lutheran Bodies of this country, for the purpose of an interchange of views upon the possibilities of said closer practical co-operation between the several bodies of our Lutheran household."

The General Council hails with the greatest satisfaction any movement, which will tend to bring together all who bear the Lutheran name in this country, in a closer bond of true unity. We cordially reciprocate the desire expressed by the General Synod to cultivate fraternal relations between all the sundered parts of our beloved church, and rejoice in any evidences which may be furnished of their drawing nearer together and forming a sincere and real union.

We believe, however, that practical co-operation in church work is founded upon and must spring out of "unity in doctrine

and faith and in the Sacraments." It is acknowledged in the overture of the General Synod that "the Lutheran Church of America is divided into a number of different branches, which are not in practical accord, the one with the other." This unhappy condition of affairs is greatly to be deplored, and has been brought about by difference of views as to what the faith of our church is, and as to the character of the subscription which is to be made to the Church's Confession. It seems to us that the proper way to endeavor to effect a change so as to be able to come together and to carry on all the practical works of the Church in the most successful manner would be to provide for conferences in which we could compare views in regard to the light of God's word, so that we may come to the same understanding of the truth. In order to secure this, the General Council at its meeeting held in 1873 at Erie, Pa., proposed to the General Synod the holding of a Colloquium, in which all Lutherans who accept the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, might compare views in regard to that Confession.

This we still believe to be the best means of bringing about the object desired, namely co-operation in church work.

Nevertheless we are ready to hear and consult with the representatives of the General Synod as to the meaning and object of the proposal now made, to-wit: "an interchange of views upon the possibilities of practical co-operatien between the several branches of our Lutheran household," and assure them that we cheerfully respond to their offer for this purpose. It is recommended by your committee therefore,

1. That a committee of five be appointed to meet similar committees from the General Synod and any other General Lutheran Bodies, which may join in the movement, for the purpose expressed in the Overture laid before us.

2. That this committee shall have no power or authority whatever, to bind the General Council in any respect, and that it is invested with only conferential authority, and shall report back to the next General Council the results which may be reached.

3. That the committee be charged in all its consultations to act in strict accordance with the fundamental principles of Faith and Polity laid down in the Constitution of this Body, and in no respect to depart therefrom.

Respectfully Submitted, The Committee.

The Committee on Nominations offered the following, which was adopted:

Your committee appointed to nominate the members of the several Boards, beg leave to report the following:

I.—Board of English Home Missions.

Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D.
" S. Laird, D.D.
" R. Hlll, D.D.
" F. J. F. Schantz, D.D.
" S. A. Repass, D.D.
" O. P. Z. Smith,
" L. H. Beck, Ph.D.
Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph. D.
Mr. Henry Beates,
" Henry Lehman,
" W. W. Kurtz,
" E. A. Miller,
J. Wolf, Esq.,
Mr. Jacob Mohr,
" Alf. Saeger,
Rev. J. C. Kunzman.

(Rev. W. A. Passavant, Supt. *ex-off.* advisory.)

II.—Board of German Home Missions.

Rev. J. Nicum, D.D.
" J. J. Kuendig,
" J. Brezing,
" G. C. F. Hass,
" E. F. Moldehnke, D.D.
" A. Richter,
" J. Heischman, D.D.
" J. Steinhaeuser.
Rev. F. W. Weiskotten,
" J. Loch,
Mr. J. A. Prigge,
" C. D. Boschen,
" Stehnken.
" H. E. Ludder,
Rev. A. R. Schulz.

III.—Board of Swedish Home Missions.

Rev. P. J. Swaerd,
" E. Norelins, D.D.
" S. P. A. Lindahl,
" C. J. Petri,
" J. Magny.
Mr. A. Peterson,
" J. Bodin,
" A. E. Edholm.
" C. A. Smith.

IV.—Board of Foreign Missions.

Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D.D. LL.D.
" H. Grahn,
" J. L. Sibole,
" W. Ashmead Schaeffer,
" F. W. Weiskotten,
" E. E. Sibole,
" E. Nidecker,
" E. H. Pohle,
Rev. F. P. Bender,
" E. R. Cassaday,
" E. Elofson, Ph.D.
" J. F. C. Fluck,
" S. A. Ziegenfuss,
" G. Nilsenius,
W. H. Staake, Esq.,
Mr. J. W. Miller.

(Rev. J. Telleen, Supt. *ex-off.* advisory.)

V.—Board of Emigrant Missions.

Rev. J. H. Baden,	Rev. G. C. F. Hass,
Mr. W. Hanff,	Mr. C. D. Boschen,
" W. A. Schmitthenner,	" L. F. J. Anger,
Rev. D. W. Peterson.	" Chas. Petterson.

VI.—Board of Publication.

Rev. H. Peters,	Rev. E. R. Cassaday,
" H. Grahn,	Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D.
" F. W. Weiskotten,	Mr. Chas. B. Opp,
" W. Ashmead Shaeffer,	" James N. Mohr,
" S. A. Ziegenfuss.	" J. G. Finley.

Respectfully Submitted by authority of the Committee.

Theo. L. Seip, Chairman.

The several Boards were therefore elected, as nominated above.

It was resolved that the Missionary Superintendents be only, *ex-officio*, advisory members of the Board.

Rev. Prof. M. H. Richards offered the Report of the Committee on Sunday School Work which was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on S. S. Work.

Your Committee respectfully reports that it has continued to carry out the instructions received at the last Convention of this body. The lessons then authorized have been edited and published, as heretofore. No changes have been made in the editorial force, nor in the arrangements for publication. The Lesson Leaves are now prepared for every Sunday in the year, instead of forty-eight numbers only, and this without increased charge.

(1.) Your Committee now asks to be authorized to publish the lessons, according to the schedule already submitted, from Advent '93 to '95, and that the present arrangements for publication be continued, until other satisfactory arrangements be made by the Publication Board. (Adopted.)

(2.) As the schedule already presented will end with Advent '95, we should be instucted as to the course then to be pursued. It will be too late to do so at an October meeting of this body in '95. The schedule provided a course of seven years' instruction. Shall we look forward to a re-editing of this same

course, or expect some radical change? This should be determined, at least substantially, at this Convention.

(*Resolved*, That the Committee prepare lessons for '95 and '96 upon the Church Gospels for the day, and upon the poetical and prophetical books of the Old Testament.)

(3.) It would be helpful to the work of this Committee if some definate outline of the instruction to be given in Sunday School were determined by this body. Such a plan was presented some years ago ('88) and printed in the Minutes, but never acted upon. Some of our schools are looking forward to more of a graded course of instruction than is supplied by Leaves to be studied simultaneously throughout our entire school. Is this body minded to indicate such a course, and will it encourage efforts to supply the necessary text-books for it? Is it willing to examine and take action upon the plan proposed and already upon its minutes?

(*Resolved*, That the plan submitted in '88 be taken up for consideration, as an especial order, upon the first day of our next convention.)

Respectfully Submitted,

I. F. Ohl,
H. N. Fegley,
F. A. Kaehler,
M. H. Richards.
G. W. Mechling,
H. W. Roth,
S. Wagenhals.

Rev. Dr. Laird offered the report of the Trustees of the General Council, which was received and ordered to be printed as follows:

Report of the Trustees.

The Trustees respectfully report as to the following items which have claimed their attention since the last meeting of the Council:

I.—Copyright of the English Church Book.

The copyright of the English Church Book before reported as having been taken out, has been placed in the custody of the Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D. LL.D. and is kept among the archives in the safe of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

II.—Investment of the Ratzel Legacy.

The funds accruing from the bequest of Mrs. Mary Ann Ratzel, of Philadelphia, for Foreign Missions, have been invest-

ed by W. H. Staake, Esq., the Treasurer, according to the instructions of the Trustees, in the following securities:

1. A bond of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, for five hundred dollars, secured by a first mortgage on its Seminary property at Mount Airy, bearing five per cent. interest.

2. A bond and mortgage for fifteen hundred dollars on property located at the S. E. corner of McKean and Long streets, Philadelphia, at five per cent. interest.

Both of these securities were examined by the Trustees at their recent meeting held September 19th last, with their accompanying documents, and found to be in proper form. A small balance of $135, remaining uninvested has been placed in bank, and brings two per cent. interest. The interest accruing from these several sums has been regularly collected, and paid over to the General Fund of the Foreign Mission Board.

III.—Wagner Legacy.

The Treasurer of the Trustees has received from C. W. Voshall, executor of the will of J. George Wagner, deceased, of Rochester, New York, the sum of one thousand dollars to be expended in the Foreign Misssion work of the General Council and the further sum of five hundred dollars for German Missions in the United States and Canada. The Treasurer was instructed to ascertain the exact language of the will of Mr. Wagner, and see if the principal of these two bequests is to be paid to the respective objects named, or whether it is to be invested by the Trustees and the interest thereof alone paid over, and he was empowered to make disposition of the money in his hands, in accordance with the terms of the will.

IV.—John Keck Legacy.

Under the Will of John Keck, of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, a number of bequests are made, and among them one to the Trustees of the Council for use in Foreign Mission work. On inquiry it was found that the estate of Mr. Keck is involved in litigation and nothing can be realized until the litigation is decided. Mr. Staake was authorized to act as counsel in this case to protect the interests of the Trustees.

Bond of the Treasurer.

The bond of W. H. Staake, Esq. Treasurer, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, in the sum of $3,000, has been duly executed and is in the posession of the President of the Trustees.

Trustees to be Elected.

Six Trustees are to be elected at this Convention, three to serve for two years in place of Drs. Krotel, Spaeth and Laird, and three to serve for three years in place of C. H. Shaeffer, Esq., and Messrs. H. Lehman and A. Bendel.

By authority of the Trustees,

Samuel Laird, Secretary.

Ft. Wayne, October 5th, 1893.

The following were elected members of the Board of Trustees:

For Three Years:—E. Augustus Miller, Esq., William F. Monroe and Henry Lehman.

For Two Years:—Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D.D., Rev. S. Laird D.D., and Rev. G. F. Krotel D.D., LL.D.

The following standing committee on Deaconess' Work was appointed:

Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth D.D., Rev. J. F. Ohl, Rev. E. A. Fogelstroem and Rev. C. A. Evald.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Convention of 1891 reported and the report was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

Your Committee would respectfully direct attention to the following items:

1. Has the Committee on publishing the Constitution and By-Laws attended to its work, pp. 9, 61, 64? (Answered affirmatively.)

2. Rev. Dr. Repass was appointed visitor to the United Synod of the South. (He had attended.)

3. A series of resolutions were adopted, petitioning the Commissioners of the World's Fair to close its gates on Sundays, and the English Corresponding Secretary was authorized

to forward a certified copy of this petition to the proper authorities, p. 39. (No reply.)

4. The Church Book Committee was authorized to prepare a new Sunday School Book, p. 60. Has this been done? (It had not.)

5. As there were no reports from the standing committees: 1. On Constitution for congregations and district synods. 2. Relief associations. 3. Divine Law of Marriage, your Committee would inquire whether these committees are ready to report at this convention, pp. 63, 66? (There was no report from 1 and 3, but these Minutes will show a report on Relief Associations.)

6. Has the Board of English Home Missions prepared a plan for its incorporation p. 97? (See Report of English Home Mission Board.)

7. As the Archivarius of this body, the Rev. Dr. W. J. Mann, has departed this life since its last meeting, it will be necessary to appoint some one in his place.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. A. Ziegenfuss, C. G. Fischer,
A. F. Siebert, Alfred Ramsey,
Ludwig Holmes. O. H. Henry.

The committee on Relief Associations reported, and the report was adopted as follows:

Relief Associations.

Your Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Relief Associations may have reference to two classes of persons:

1. Those needing help during their life time because of infirmity or disability.

2. Those desiring to make some provision for their families after their death.

For the first class, it is our belief that provision should be made by the Synods. This might be done by making a special apportionment to the churches for this purpose. Surely no faithful minister or his family should be permitted to suffer for want of the common necessaries of life.

For the second class, the most feasible way would be to take life insurance in some reliable company.

Of these there are several kinds—the Regular, Mutual Benefit, and Church. Among the latter, the most prominent are:

1. The Lutheran Minister's Insurance League, of Baltimore, Md. Membership is secured in this League by paying one dollar, and on the death of a member, the members of the League pay two dollars each to the family of the deceased.

2. The Lutheran Relief Association, of Greenville, Pa. Any member of an Evangelical Lutheran church may become a member of this association by the payment of from three to ten dollars, according to age, and at the death of a member, each member shall pay the family of the deceased one dollar.

3. The Ministerial Relief Association of the Pittsburgh Synod. Of this association, only ministers of the Synod can become members. The entrance fee is five dollars, and five dollars are to be paid annually, and on the death of a member, the association shall pay the family of the deceased $200.

4. An association of like character is sustained by the Augustana Synod, the special features of which are not known to your committee.

5. The Mutual Aid Society, of the Synod of Iowa. This Society requires the payment of an entrance fee of three dollars—issues a certificate of membership for 25 cents and collects a semi-annual due of 50 cents on the first of January and July of each year. For each death of its members, an assessment is made on the following scale:

From	18 to 30	years,	men	$ .90,	women	$1.10
"	30 to 40	"	"	1.00,	"	1.20
"	40 to 50	"	"	1.30,	"	1.50
"	50 to 55	"	"	1.80,	"	1.80

On the death of a member of the society the family of the deceased is paid $1,000.

Any person, a member of a Lutheran church, between the ages of 18 and 55 years, may become a member of this society.

This society seems to embrace the features most likely to meet the wishes of our pastors and church members, and therefore the committee commends it to the favorable consideration of all persons disposed to enter a Relief Association.

Very Respectfully,

J. A. KUNKELMAN,
G. A. WENZEL,
THOS. H. LANE,
J. KLINGENSMITH.
} Committee.

The question of a German Mission in Brazil was referred to the German Home Mission Board.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted, as here appended to the Treasurer's Report, as follows:

Account of William H. Staake, Treasurer, &c.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Dr.

Rev. Grahn, agent of the committee and others, as acknowledged in Missionsbote and Foreign Missionary		$31,422 08
Balance from last year		767 77
Transferred from General expense fund:		
Proceeds of German Publications	$166 67	
Proceeds of English Publications	500 00	
		$666 67
		$32,856 52

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The Treasurer craves allowance for the following disbursements:

Rev. H. C. Schmidt, lace sold for Mrs. Schmidt	$108 61
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, Zenana Home	1,053 75
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, house at Bhimawarum and Dahlashwarum	2,000 00
Kate Sadtler, present from a friend	30 00
Agnes Schade, a gift from McKeesport Mission League	10 00
W. H. Hockman, certified copy of will of John Keck	1 70
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, salary	1,696 00
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, general expenses. . .	10,400 00
Rev. E. Edman, salary	1,206 85
Rev. F. J. McCready, salary	651 37
Rev. F. J. McCready, Industral School . .	35 00
Agnes Schade, salary	710 00
Kate Sadtler, salary	985 00
Rev. A. Fiensch, salary	250 00
Rev. J. Teleen, salary	2,375 00
Rev. J. Teleen, expenses	684 70
Frank Schade, on Miss Schade's account .	78 72
A. M. Laub, on Rev. C. F. Kuder's account	3 50
Rev. W. Westerhoff, church building at San Antonia, Texas	2 00
Rev. C. P. Dietrich, for Rev. Schmidt's child	80 00
Rev. C. F. Kuder, salary	1,016 59

Rev. I. C. Hoffman, on C. F. Kuder's acc't	$6 00
Rev. A. Cordes, Diakoness Hospital in Jerusalem	11 00
Rev. J. A. Waters, on Rev. McCready's account	400 00
Rev. C. J. Edman, on Dr. Edman.s acc't	92 50
Rev. P. S. Edman, on Dr. Edman's acc't	37 50
Rev. V. Goetsch, for Rev. Schmidt's child	700 00
Rev. G. Blomgrist, on Dr. Edman's acc't	110 00
Lutheran Augustana Book concern Dr. Edmund's account	30 00
Rev. Hugo Grahn, salary	175 00
Rev. Hugo Grahn, postage	13 23
Rev. L. H. Gerndt, Kohl's Mission, India	52 83
W. A. Schmitthener, Treasurer Immigranten Mission, N. Y.	4 50
Rev. G. H. Berkmeier, cont. for Mt. Vernon Orphanage	6 50
Curtis Publishing Co., on Rev McCready's account	7 63
Rev. John Fritz, Syrian Orphanage	16 75
Henry Lehman, Orphans' Home, Germantown	54 25
Rev. A. Helwege, Hermansberg Mission Germany	21 00
Rev. A. Helwege, Kropp's Seminary	1 00
Rev. J. Kuder, on Rev. C. F. Kuder's acc't	345 10
Mrs. H. R. Spaeth, loan and interest	1,069 89
Philadelphia Photo Electro Co., cuts	17 05
Lorenz, Meyer, on Rev. Schmidt's account	100 00
G. W. McClanahan, on Rev. C. F. Kuder's account	20 00
A. S. Holman & Co., on Rev. C. F. Kuder's account	4 00
Rev. J. Fritz, Orphanage in Jerusalem	4 00
Rev. J. Fritz, Diakoness hospital	20 00
Rand, McNally, & Co., on Dr. E. Edman's account	32 50
Rev. Dr. H. B. Seibert, Syrian Orphanage	6 00
Rev. Dr. H. B. Seibert Diakoness Hospital	6 00
Rev. Dr. H. B. Seibert, Orphans' Home in Jerusalem	500 00
(Cont. from L. Tesch, Brenham, Texas.)	
Rev. Dr. C. W. Schaeffer, on Rev. McCready's account	20 00
Binder & Kelly, postal card receipts	6 25
Improperly credited to Foreign Mission Fund	20 00
P. Deuchler, buggy for Miss Agnes Schade	211 28
Rev. August Johnson, on Dr. E. Edman's account	4 25

Munn & Co., on Rev. Schmidt's account .	$4 00	
Rev. J. Mueller, suffering Russians	21 90	
Rev. W. A. Sadtler, of Miss Kate Sadtler's account	15 00	
Rev. Paul Banisch, salary	100 00	
Rev. Paul Banisch, traveling expenses . .	745 00	
International Navigation Co., Revs. Pohl and Arps passage to and from Europe	168 00	
Rev. E. Pohl, traveling expenses Germany to America	65 00	
Rev. Rudolph Arps, traveling expenses Germany to America	50 00	
Rev. E. Pohl, traveling expenses to India and $100 outfit included	1,200 00	
Rev. Rudolph Arps, traveling expenses to India and $100 outfit included	900 00	
Sundries, car fare, postage, stationery, discount Canada money, &c.	46 70	
Peterson & Thulin, on Dr. E. Edman's account	23 90	
		$30,844 30
Balance		2,012 22
		$32,856 52

The above account having been carefully examined by us in all its particulars, we hereby certify that we have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

September 26th, 1893. J. Wash Miller, H. Grahn. } Committee.

Missionsbote.

November 1891, to September 1893.

Dr.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

To cash received from Rev. Grahn.....	$4,673 90	
" " " from C. P. Dietrich, subscriptions.....	1 00	
		$4,674 90

Cr.

The Treasurer craves allowance as follows:

W. E. Hering, Missionsbote printing 23 Nos.	$2,618 07	
do. postal cards	12 50	
Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, for American & Foreign Electrotype Co., for electrotypes for Missionsbote	29 27	
Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, for electrotypes for Missionsbote	56 13	
American & Foreign Electrotype Co., electrotypes for Missionsbote	20 00	
Levytype Co., portraits for Misssionsbote	7 00	
Press Engraving Co., engravings for Missionsbote	7 92	
		$2,751 09
		1,923 81
		$4,674 90

The above account having been carefully examined by us in all its particulars, we hereby certify that we found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

September 26th, 1893. J. Wash Miller, H. Grahn, } Committee.

Foreign Missionary.

September 26, 1893.

Dr.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

To cash from Rev. Grahn	$1049 06	
" " " other parties for subscription to Foreign Missionary	98 60	
Erroneously charged to this account (Ladies' My. Soc., Mulberry, Ind.)	40 00	
		$1187 66
Overdrawn		$301 36
		$1489 02

Cr.

The Treasurer craves allowance as follows:

Craig, Finley & Co., "Foreign Missionary" postage, 23 numbers	$1312 48	
Craig, Finley & Co., 800 8pp. papers and postage	7 70	
do. paper	60 00	
do. postage and paper, expressage and mailing pictures of Zenana Home	7 84	
150 pictures of Zenana Home	8 00	
George D. Sprecher, return of part of subsciption	4 00	
Levytype Co., for types for Foreign Missionary	49 00	
Transferred to Foreign Mission Fund (Contribution of Mulberry Missionary Society)	40 00	
		$1,489 02

The above account having been carefully examined by us in all its particulars, we hereby certify that we have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

J. Wash Miller,
H. Grahn. } Committee.

September 5th, 1893.

General Expense Fund Account.

Dr.

1891.	The Treasurer charges himself as follows:		
Oct. 5.	Balance on hand		$685 91
1892.			
Aug. 3.	Rev. Hugo Grahn, G. C. expenses		11 00
Dec. 21.	Prof. Sam'l P. Sadtler, Treasurer		
	English Publications	1,500 00	
	German Publications	500 00	
			$2,000 00
1893.			
April 22.	Geo. H. Deickmann, English Home Missions		5 00
1893.			
Sept. 18.	Prof. Sam'l Sadtler, Treasurer, for German and English Publications		1,000 00
			$3,701 91

Cr.

1891.		The Treasurer craves allowance as follows:		
Oct.	17.	C. Moenneke, Sexton at Buffalo		$10 00
"	19.	Rev. J. Nicum, amt. of guarantee deposited in connection with R. R. arrangement for delegates to Gen. Council		41 00
		A. Falkenberg, towards paying traveling expenses of the delegate of the Texas Synod to meeting of Gen. Counil at Buffalo		75 00
		Adams Express Co., expressage one box		1 60
Dec.	3.	Craig, Finley & Co., compg. and ptg. 1800 copies 20 page reports, 300 bound . .	$45 00	
		500 extra copies " . .	13 00	
				58 00
1892.				
Jan.	26.	Rev. H. E. Jacobs, expenses of Church Book Committee to Nov. 1, '91		53 75
Feb.	16.	Republican Printing Co., printing minutes of Gen. Council		146 30
"	20.	Rev. G. W. Mechling, mailing and postage on English minutes 1891		53 50
Oct.	15.	The Luth. Pub. Soc'y. ½ of Bal. due on English Augsburg Confession		122 36
		The Jas. B. Rogers Printing Co., 50 copies and cover of Revised English Catechism		4 15
Oct.	20.	Rev. J. Nicum, mailing G. C. minutes to Europe, &c. . .		3 75
Oct.	27.	Lizzie F. Mechling, recording minutes of 1891 in protocol	$26 00	
		New record book for protocol	5 00	
				$31 00
Dec.	21.	Transferred to Foreign Mission Fund ⅓ net proceeds German Publications . . .		166 67
		⅓ net proceeds English Publications		500 00

Dec. 21.	E. Aug. Miller, Treas. English Home Mission Committee ⅔ of English Publications	$1,000 00
	Rev. Geo. M. Gompf, Treas. ⅔ net proceeds German Pub.	333 33
Dec. 29.	Rev. H. E. Jacobs, Treasurer, expenses of Church Book Committee from Nov. 1, '91 to Nov. 1, '92	11 55
1893.		
June 16.	Germania Printing House, printing, &c., German Minutes	243 75
		$2,855 71
Sept. 26.	Balance	846 20
		$3,701 91

Ft. Wayne, Sept. 7th, 1893.

We have examined the above report of the General Expense Fund Account and found it correct.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. M. Hill,
Olof S. Ohlberg,
H. Tuluis Klingler.

The Committee on Statistics reported through Rev. J. Nicum D.D., and the report was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Statistics.

We would beg leave to present the following tabular statements on parochial reports and educational institutions of the General Council:

Statistical Table.

Synods.	No. of Pastors.				Churches.				Confirmed Members.				Baptisms of Adults and Child.				Confirmed.			
	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.
1. Min. of Pa.	286	291	5		449	471	22		105,587	115,891	10,303		9,722	10,032	390		4,663	5,863	1,200	
2. Min. of N. Y.	119	133	14		120	134	14		40,053	45,238	5,185		5,849	6,246	397		2,391	2,540	149	
3. Pitts. Synod	125	125			197	206	9		22,011	23,759	1,748		1,935	2,232	297		1,354	1,356	2	
4. D. Synod of Ohio.	34	32		2	72	63			8,235	6,843		1,392	480	509			399	478		
5. Se. Aug. Synod	325	363	38		637	719	82		84,583	95,668	11,085		7,048	9,405	2,357		3,538	4,578	1,040	
6. Canada Synod	34	37	3		84	83		1	8,071	10,753	2,682		797	856	70		436	530	94	
7. Texas Synod	32	35	3		44	43		1	7,075	6,600		475	1,099	947		152	445	422		23
8. Indiana Synod	17	18	1		31	28		3	3,107	3,584	477		279	153		126	205	165		35
9. German Ia. Synod	283	300	17		493	494	(5) 1		45,700	50,283	4,583			5,873	(4)			2,632		
10. Eng. Synod, N. W.	(6) 7	9	2		7	8	1		357	627	270		54	94	40			55		
Summary	1,228	1,325	97		2,062	2,221	159		316,544	355,662	39,118		33,133	36,358	3,235		16,118	18,519	2,401	

Notes.

x Not rep. Estimated.

(1) Several Synods report debts.

(2) Only some Sy'ds report teachers

(3) N. W. census 1890.

(4) Report for 1893, meets every three years only.

(5) And 105 preach. stat.

(6) Report for 1891 incomplete.

No. of Synods.	Paroch. Schools.				Pupils in Par. Schools.				Sunday School.				Officers and teachers in Sunday Schools.				Scholars in Sunday School.				Value of Church Property.			
	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.
1.	17	25	8	(2)	1,398	1,091		307	519	553x	34		7,592	9,127	2,465		77,006	74,067		2,929	$4,319,355(3)	4,485,685	100,330	(1)
2.	53	57	4		2,792	3,231	439		122	137	15		2,666	2,913	252		25,626	27,960	2,334		1,942,460(2)	No Report.		
3.	No Report.				No Report.				No Report.	169			No Report.	1,543			15,893	16,871	978		961,800(3)	No Report.		
4.	No Report.				No Report.				54	28			No Report.	692			5,453	4,000			289,400	306.150		
5.	242	302	60		13,828	15,765	2,937		No. not given.				3,451	4,242	791		30,128	35,038	4,910		2,903,736	3,444,217	540,481	
6.	21	27	6		622	874	252		63	60		3	370	496	126		3,700	3,934	234		77,500	99,100	22,600	
7.	3	5	2		72	128	56		22	25	3		No Report.				1,201	1,172		29	112,760(3)			
8.	No.				No Report.				19	25	6		174	177	3		2,015	2,045	30		210,000	180,280		
9.		200				8,536															685,000(3)			
10.	No.				No. Report.				9	9					37		656	834	178			90,000		
Sum.	536	616	80		26,248	29,625	3,377		1,127	1,146	217		16,638	19,429	2,791		161,678	165,921	4,243		$11,502,011	12,307,452	805,441	

Money Raised For

No. of Synods.	Congreg. Purposes.				Synod Treas., Synod Miss., Support of Students.				Gen. Council H. Miss. German.				Gen. Coun. H. Miss., English.				Foreign Missions.			
	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.
1.	$485,521	$542,234	$56,713	.....	$17,644	$17,833	$ 189	....	$1,289	$2,048	$759	....	$6,902	$9,205	$2,303	....	$5,495	$5,404	....	9
2.	312,416	270,808	47,608	.....	8,548	11,965	3,417	..	660	2,377	1,657	....	126	79	....	$ 47	911	1,028	117	....
3.	124,530	139,522	4,992	.....	7,185	10,887	3,702	....	Not separated '91			1,535	1,893	1,936	451	....	1,485	2,050	565	....
4.	28,275	32,432	.....	.....	1,373	1,599	....	...	15	12	....	....	460	1,497	...	....	58	45	....	....
5.	552,986	684,587	131,601	.. ...	16,117	28,453	....	....	No Report				No Report				5,902	7,968	2,066	....
6.	29,587	33,761	4,174	.....	1,970	2,539	669	..	No Report				No Report				515	497	18	....
7.		25,000(x)	....	.....	772	684	....	88	No Report.				No Report				161	302	141	....
8.	29,200	10,741	.....	$18,459	669	105	....	564	....	....	....	. ..	152	707	555	....	53	103	50	....
9.	$202,235	. ....	.....	.....	.....	7,159	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,880	....	....
10.	4,185	5,236	1,071	.....	.....	190	....	....	No Contribution				....	269	....	....	....	36	....	...
Sum.	$1,793,935	$1,946,426	$152,491	.....	$61,434	$81,410	$19,986	....	$2,264	$4,677	$2,413	....	$8,865	$12,443	$3.778	——	$16,460	$20,359	$3,899	....

No. of Synods.	Educational Institutions.				Support of Orphans.				General and Special Benovelence.				Total for Benevolence.				Total of Contributions for all Objects.			
	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.	1891	1893	Inc.	Dec.
1.	$7,665	$9,245	$1,580	.. ...	$8,222	$8,090	.....	132	$12,916	$18,903	$5,987	.....	$56,131	$70,726	$14,595	.....	$545,652	$612,960	67,308	.....
2.	3,685	3,442	....	243	8,000	8,000(x)	....	.....	15,638	16,397	759	.....	37,567	43,207	5,740	.. ...	349,983	314,015	.....	3,596
3.		No Report.			1,135	1,175	40	.....	7,714	2,700	.....	5,014	19,054	18,798	.....	256	143.583	158,320	14,737	.....
4.		No Report.			20	20	.....	.....	440	770	330	.....	2,366	2,993	627	.....	30,597	35,425	.....	.....
5.	22,612	34,077	12,465	.....		No Report.			29,836	40,350	11,514	.....	75,369	110,548	35,179	.....	628,355	795,435	167,080	.....
6.		No Report.			130	140	10	. ....	864	674	.....	190	3,479	3,850	671	.....	33,065	36,610	3,545	....
7.	.....	1,546	.....	.....		No Report.			405	381	. ....	24	1,513	2,980	1,467	. .....	26,513	27.980	1,467	.....
8.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	277	1,274	797	.....	1,149	2,001	852	.....	30,349	30,742	393	.....
9.	.....	10,233	.....	.....	.....	3,989	.....	.....	.....	1,981	.....	.....	.....	26,234	.....	.....	.....	228.469	.....	.....
10.		No Report.				No Report.			.....	61	.....	.....	403	600	197	.....	4,588	5,835	1,247	.....
Snm.	$45,195	$58,543	$13,348	.....	$21,496	$21 414	$82	.....	$70,071	$83,491	$13,420	.....	$223,265	$281,937	$58,672	.....	$2,017,200	$2,228,363	$211,163	.....

1891....$6.37 per com.
1893.... 6.27 per com.

Educational Institutions in Connection With The General Council.

I.—THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES

	No. of Profs.		No. of Students.		Current Expenses.		Endowment.		Value of Property.		Debts on Same.	
	1891-2	1892-3	1891-2	1892-3	1891-2	1892-3	1891-2	1892-3	1891-2	1892-3	1891-2	1892-3
1. Mt. Airy, Phila.	5	5*	77	70	$ 8,000	$ 8,200	$124,000	$124,000	$135,000	$135,000	$45,000	$45,000
2. Rock Island	4	4	52	55	58,015‡	35,526‡	none		169,000§	133,797§		40,000
3. Chicago	2	3*	13	70†	2,000	4,000	none		50,000	77,000	none	20,000
4. Dubuque	2	3	52	42	7,355	10,794	none		30,000	30,000	?	?
	13	15	194	237	$75,370	$58,520	$124,000	$124,000	$384,000	$375,797	$45,000	$105,000

II.—COLLEGES AND ACADEMIES.

	No. of Profs.		No. of Students.		Current Expenses.		Endowment.		Value of Property		Debts on Same.	
	1891-2	1892-3	1891-2	1892-3	1891-2	1892-3	1891-2	1892-3	1891-2	1892-3	1891-2	1892-3
1. Muhlenberg Coll	9	11	145	145	$14,000	$12,000	$134,000	$134,000	$100,000	$100,000	$44,000	$40,000
2. Thiel Coll	9	10	117	113	15,000	14,653	66,484	66,484	53,334	53,334	15,422	15,423
3. Augustana C	18	22	313	450	‡	‡	...	....	‡	‡	....	....
4. Gust. Ad. C	15	15	298	271	19,000	20,000	....	....	65,000	65,000	none	
5. Bethany C	25	26	393	422	26,233	18,065	.. .	....	126,930	121,912	52,102	50,000
6. Luther Acad	5	7	120	96	5,950	11,000	....	....	20,000	20,000	1,000	1,000
7. Hope Acad	7	6	125	99	5,000	6,910	....	....	15,000	22,500	....	8,578
8. Emanuel Acad. (1)	5	..	53	..	1,500	.....	....	.. .	1,500	. ..	....	....
9. Wagner Coll	5	5	49	45	8,000	8,500	none 8,500(3)	15,000 12,000	15,000	15,000	none	
10. Texas Coll	3	4	77	83	2,871	3,956	....	....	....	9,000	....	3,000
11. Wartburg Coll	7	9	70	68	7,956	8,681	....	....	12,000	12,000	....	....
12. Martin Luth. Coll. (2)	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
13. Upsala Coll. (2)	..	..	..	..	...	....	....	....	....	. ..	....	....
	108	115	1760	1792	$105,510	$103,715	$208,984	$227,484	$408,264	$478,746	$112,524	118,100
Grand Total	121	130	1954	2029	$180,880	$162,235	$332.984	$351,484	792,264	$794,543	$157,524	$223,100

* Including instructors.
† " post graduates.
‡ " Augustana Coll.

§ Incl. value of property of Aug. Coll.
1. Instit. discontinued.
2. Institutions just founded.

3. Lower figures for endowment of German professorships of Theology.

There are at present in full connection with this body, nine synods, and one having the privilege of debate. To these synods belong 1325 ministers, an increase of 97, or 8 per cent since our last meeting in 1891; 2221 churches, an increase within the last two years of 157, or 8 per cent; and 355,662, confirmed members, or persons entitled to commune, increase 39,118, equal to 12 per cent in two years; 36,350 persons were baptized, an increase of 3,325, or ten per cent: 18,514 persons confirmed, an increase of 2,401, or 15 per cent. There are 616 parochial schools in connection with the churches, an increase of 80, or 15 per cent; and 29,625 pupils in the same, an increase of 3,377, or 13 per cent. The number of Sunday Schools is 1,146, or 19 more than two years ago. (The German Iowa Synod reports no Sunday Schools, and has Kinder or Christenlehre instead, like several other German synods in the West.) There are 19,429 teachers and officers engaged in these Sunday Schools, increase 2,791, or 18 per cent, whilst 165,921 children attend them, or 4,243 more than in 1891. There is a falling off of 2929 in the number of Sunday School scholars as reported by the Pennsylvania Synod, which is probably due to the fact that union Sunday Schools are no longer counted or reported. The value of church property is $12,307,-452, an increase of $805,441, or fully 7 per cent. There was raised for congregational purposes $1,946,426, or $152,491 more than in 1891. For the synodical treasury, for synodical missions and for education $81,410, an increase of $19,986; for German Home Missions $4,677, or more than twice as much as in 1891; for General Councils English Missions $12,443, an increase of 40 per cent; for Foreign Missions $20,359, increase of 20 per cent; for educational institutions $58,543, or $13,348 more than in 1891; for the support of orphans $21,414, which is about the same amount as in 1891; for general and special benevolence $83,491, or $13,420 more than in 1891. Total contributions for benevolence $281,737, showing an increase of $58,672, or 27 per cent, within the last two years. Total contributions $2,228,363, or $211,163 more than in 1891, which is equivalent to an increase of 10 per cent. In 1891 the average contribution was $6.37; in 1893 however it had fallen off 10 cents, viz. to $6.27.

Within the General Council there are 4 *Theological Seminaries*, having 15 professors, or 2 more than in 1891, and 237

students, an increase of 43. The current expenses were, during 1892—1893, $58,520; the endowment is $124,000, only one institution having an endowment. The property is valued at $375,749.

The number of colleges is 12, with 115 professors and 1792 students. Expenditures $103,715; endowments (only three being partly endowed) $227,484. The value of the college property is $418,746. Total for the 16 educational institutions: 130 professors, 2029 students, $162,235 expended, $351,484 endowment, and value of property $794,543. We beg to add that it is most difficult to obtain satisfactory results under present conditions. In the first place there are still a number of omissions in the parochial tables of the various synods. The returns are therefore deficient, the true figures being greater than those given above. Secondly there is also great lack of uniformity in the items reported by the various synods, *i. e.* confusion in the items stated in the tables to be filled in by the pastors. Some, for instance, have a column for confirmed members, others have not; some give the value of church property, others do not. There is also great confusion in the returns of the monies raised. In view of this confusion and in view of the great desirability of securing full and correct reports, we would respectfully recommend, that the parochial tables for all synods belonging to the General Council consist, among others, in the following columns:

1. The number of pastors or clergymen.
2. " " " churches *i. e.* congregations.
3. " " " infant baptisms.
4. " " " adult "
5. " " " persons confirmed.
6. " " " persons communed.
7. " " " parochial schools.
8. " " " teachers in parochial schools.
9. " " " children attending parochial schools.
10. " " " Sunday schools.
11. " " " teachers, officers and S. S. Associations.
12. " " " children attending Sunday schools.
13. The value of church property, including, not only that of church edifices, but also parsonages, school houses, chapels, cemeteries, etc.
14. For the monies raised for congregational purposes.

15. For synodical purposes, including synodical treasury, synodical missions, education of young men for the Gospel ministry.

16. For General Council Home Mission Work double coulmn, (*a.*) English, (*b.*) German.

17. For foreign missions.

18. " educational institutions.

19. " the support of orphans.

20. " general and special benevolence, different from items enumerated above.

21. For total of benevolences, missions, educations, etc. *i. e.* total of contributions exclusive of sums raised for congregational purposes.

22. For sum total of all contributions, including congregational expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Nicum,

S. E. Ochsenford.

Rev. C. A .Swenson, Ph.D., the President of the Council, was appointed Visitor to the United Norwegian Lutheran Synod.

It was ordered that the English translation of the Catechism, referred to in the report of the Church Book Committee, be printed under the direction of the English Editorial Committee for insertion as an appendix to these minutes. (See Ap. 3.) It was also resolved that 1500 copies of these minutes be printed.

The president appointed the following Committee of Conference with a committee of the General Synod as provided for in the report on the President's report:

Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs,
" " S. A. Repass,
" G. C. F. Haas.
Rev. L. G. Abrahamson,
" J. C. Kunzman,

The committee to nominate a Church Book, Committee made the following nomination, which was confirmed by the Council.

Church Book Committee:

Rev. C.W. Schaeffer, D.D., LL.D,
" A. Spaeth, D.D.,
" Krotel, D.D., LL.D.,
Rev. J. Kohler, D.D.
" S. S. Buermier,
" W. A. Passavant, Jr.

Rev. Jos. A. Seiss, D. D., LL.D., Rev. G. L. Spieker, D.D.,
" S. Laird, D.D., " Geo. C. F. Haas,
" H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., " H. N. Fegley,
" W. Wackernagel, D.D., " F. F. Fry,
" Prof. C. P. Ryndholm, Prof. C. A. Marks.

It was resolved that the hearty thanks of the General Council are hereby tendered to the pastor and members of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ft. Wayne, for the generous hospitality, with which they have entertained its delegates at this Convention, and that this action be read to the congregation at the next regular service.

The thanks of the Council were also tendered to the *Public Ledger*, of Philadelphia, for the publication of proceedings of this Convention.

It was ordered that the next Convention be held in 1895, the place and the day to be determined by the officers of the General Council.

Rev. Dr. Spaeth presented so much of the report on the Minutes of the District Synods as pertains to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, but, as some of the Vice Presidents were not ready to report, it was ordered that they send their reports to the Secretaries for insertion in these minutes. The following is the

Report on the Minutes of the District Synods.

I.—The Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

Two meetings of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania were held during the last year. A special meeting convened in St. John's English Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, from January 10th to 12th 1893, discussed various important measures, looking toward the incorporation of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy; the revision of the constitution of the Seminary; the re-arrangement of Conference Districts; provisions for directing the President to exercise at least in part, the supervision which the constitution demands of him; the appointment of Missionary Superintendents and the re-organization of the system of beneficiary education. The One Hundred and Forty-sixth Annual Convention, which was held at Philadelphia, from May 25th, to 31st, 1893, took final action on most of these important

topics. The Seminary was ordered to be incorporated; its constitution was revised. The Conference Districts were increased to ten and the Executive Committee was instructed to appoint one or more Mission Superintendents, charged with the supervision and vigorous prosecution of the mission work of the Ministerium.

The Ministerium suffered a severe loss in the death of the Rev. Prof. Wm. J. Mann, D.D. LL.D., who, after an illness of several weeks, died at Boston, Mass., June 20th, 1892. He was one of the signers of the Fraternal call of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, which in 1866, led to the Convention at Reading, and finally to the organization of the General Council.

Five pastors were received into the Ministerium from other Synods and seventeen candidates were solemnly ordained for the Ministry of the Gospel. The Ministerium has now in its roll 291 pastors; 471 congregations, with 115,890 confirmed members; 25 parochial schools with 1,091 pupils; its Sunday Schools number 9,127 teachers and 74,067 pupils. Its church property is valued at $4,485,685, with an indebtedness of $326,309.96. The contributions during the past year for congregational objects amounted to $542,233.74; for Synodical and charitable purposes $70,775.01, a grand total of $612,959.35.

The institutions of the Mother Synod are in a prosperous condition and making favorable progress. In the Orphans' Home at Germantown, 66 children are being cared for. The asylum for aged and infirm has 27 inmates. The fund invested amounts to $49,611.85. The income for current expenses was 13,205.27, the expenditures $8,854.16, leaving a balance of $4,351.11 in the hands of the treasurer. The number of students in the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy is between 70 and 80. The resignation of Prof. Dr. H. V. Philprecht and the death of Prof. Dr. W. J. Mann has left a great void in the faculty which is only partially filled by the appointment of a tutor for instruction in the Hebrew language.

Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in June, 1892, and about $12,000 were secured toward a Quarter Centenial fund.

The Mother House of Deaconesses (Mary J. Drexel Home,) Philadelphia, is making steady progress in the development of this great and blessed cause. The vacancy in the

Rector's office has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. Karl Goedel, of Weinsheim, Germany, who was installed as pastor of the Home on July 9th. The whole number of sisters and probationers is about forty. They are serving the following stations:

1. The German Hospital in Philadelphia with an average of 100 patients per day and 30,000 nursing days per year.

2. The Children's Hospital in the Mary J. Drexel Home in which over 270 little patients were treated with hundreds of visitors to the dispensory.

3. The Old People's Home in the same building contains 39 inmates, filling it to its utmost capacity.

4. The Girls' School in the Mary J. Drexel Home has proved a most successful enterprise. It was attended during the past year by 45 scholars, 29 of whom were boarders, the rest day scholars. The aim of this school is to give to the daughters of our church a thorough Christian education, pervaded by the spirit of our church, and it fully deserves to be known and patronized by our families everywhere. Boarders pay $200 a year, day scholars $100 a year; French and music are extra.

5. The Day Nursery, at Germantown, which is now to be changed into a Foster Home for children up to six years of age is served by two sisters.

6. Parish work was done by three sisters in two Philadelphia congregations and in the church of Rev. John Mueller, at Altoona, Pa.

7. Two sisters have charge of the Easton Hospital, founded and managed by a ladie's society in the city of Easton, Pa.

8. The Old People's Home in Allegheny, City, Pa., belonging to the joint Synod of Ohio, is also being served by two sisters of the Philadelphia Mother House.

The Ministerium of Pennsylvania instructed its Publication Committee to publish the second volume of the Halle Reports with such additional material as has been indicated in the notes and suggestions left by Dr. Mann, and appointed Dr. Krotel the Editor-in-Chief.

The officers of the Ministerium with the faculty of the Theoligical Seminary were constituted a committee to lay be-

fore the next Annual Convention a plan for the preparation of an accurate and reliable history of the Ministerium, so as to have it ready by the time of its 150th anniversary in 1898.

A. SPAETH, President of Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

II.—THE MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

The Ministerium of New York and adjacent States and countries held its 98th Convention from June 20th to 28th, 1892, in the Evangelical Lutheran Grace Church, New York City, Rev. John A. W. Haas pastor, and its 99th Convention from June 8th, to 13th 1893, in the German Evangelical Lutheran Church at Canajohaire, N. Y., Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch, pastor.

The Synod now numbers 133 ministers and 102 congregations and a communicant membership of 45,238. There are 137 Sunday Schools with 2,918 teachers and 27,960 scholars. The 36 parochial schools in charge of 51 teachers and 11 pastors number 2,531 pupils The baptisms reported in the last year are 6,169 children and 77 adults. There were 2,540 confirmations, 2,005 marriages and 2,843 funerals.

SOCIETIES.—Missionary Societies, 20; Sick and Aid Societies, 10; Men's, 14; Young Men's, 23; Ladies' Societies, 81; Young Ladies', 35; Ladies' and Young Ladies', 7; Young People's, Societies, 44.

The Treasurer's report shows receipts for specific Synodical purposes of $11,964.75, Total amount disbursed for benovelent purposes, 107 congregations reporting, were $34,556.77.

The Synod's funds for the endowment of its German professorship in the Mt. Airy Seminary amounts to $10,151.18.

HOME MISSIONS.—The Synod's Executive Committee directly assisted six congregations during the year. Besides this, work in this direction was done by the several district conferences in their respective fields. A considerable number of new fields were taken up during the two years past, especially in Connecticut.

EDUCATION.—The Synod, through its Executive Committee, supported 12 young men in their preparation for the Gospel Ministery.

WAGNER COLLEGE had in the past year receipts amounting to $9,595.95 of which $2,053.75 were contributions from congregations of the Synod. Six graduates of the institution entered

the Mt. Airy Seminary this year. For the better raising of funds for the college, it was recommended that the congregations observe an annual College Day, on which day contributions shall be raised for the college by envelopes furnished by the College Board. The selection of the day was left to the individual congregation. Nearly one third of the students in the college are beneficiaries.

Doctrinal discussions took place on the doctrine of the Ministerial office and of the inspiration of holy scripture.

A committee on the establishment of a Synodical organ rendered a report which concluded with the opinion that the founding of such organ at the present time is not deemed advisable. The report was adopted in connection with the report of the committee on a proposed book of chorals for schools and the home. It was resolved that the officers of the Ministerium be authorized to ask the consent of the trustees of the General Council to be allowed to introduce the full order of morning service in German and English into said book.

The Constitution of the Ministerium has been translated into the English language and was ordered printed.

G. C. F. Haas, Pres't N. Y. Ministerium.

III.—Pittsburg Synod.

Since the last report the Synod has held two annual Conventions, one at Warren, Pa., August 24th to 30th, 1892, and the other at Greensburg, Pa., September 13th to 20th, 1893. Notwithstanding the frequent pastoral changes and dismissions to other Synods, this body rejoices in a steady and substantial growth.

The records of the past two years show 1 death, 2 expulsions, 1 demitment of the ministry. Ten pastors were dismissed to other Synods and eighteen received from other Synods. 125 pastors are now enrolled, with 206 organized congregations and 23,759 communicant members. Sunday Schools 109, teachers 1,543, scholars 10,871. 29 missions have been sustained and sixteen young men have received aid in preparing for the work of the ministry.

Contributions have been made as follows:

To Home Missions and Education	$19,713 43
To Gen. Council's Home Missions	3.529 94
To Foreign Missions	3,131 07

To Orphan Work $2,261 77
To General Benevolence 7,688 72
To Local Work 258,740 46

Four thousand three hundred and seventy-one infant baptisms and 2,607 confirmations.

A permanent president for Thiel College has been found in the person of Rev. T. B. Roth formerly of Utica, N. Y. The chair of mathamatics has also been filled by the election of Prof. O. L. Watkins, and Rev. A. R. J. Graepp has been chosen Prof. of Music.

Arrangements have been made for the fitting observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the Synod which occurs on July 15th, 1895. The whole Synodical year, including and following the next convention, has been set apart as the jubilee year of the Synod. Comprehensive plans have been adopted and special committees and speakers have been appointed, by means of which it is hoped and believed a new interest will be awakened in the work of the Synod and means provided for its increased efficiency.

The following action was taken at the last convention:

Resolved, That the delegates to the General Council be requested to call the attention of that body to the destitute condition of the members of our Lutheran Church in the Republic of Brazil and that an effort be made to begin missionary operations among them.

J. Q. Waters, Pres't of Pittsburg Synod.

IV.—District Synod of Ohio.

The 36th Annual Convention of this body was held in Toledo, Ohio, June 16th to 20th, 1892. 29 ministerial and 22 lay-delegates being in attendance. During the previous year three pastors had been dismissed to other Synods, and the same number were received at this Convention.

The statistical tables report: Infant baptisms, 520; adult baptisms, 63; confirmations, 467; received from Lutheran Churches, 184; from other denominations, 28; restorations, 17. losses by death, 160; by cirtificate and removal, 142; by exclusion, 9; marriages, 198; funerals, 317.

Contributions to current expenses, $14,580.41; to special expenses, $7,201.86; to G. C. Home Missions, $901.10; to

church extension, $219.58; to Synodical Treasury $1,441.30; to charitable objects, $342.90.

Sunday Schools and Church Societies, 278; Membership, 4,906; Contributions to Local Objects thereby, $3,334.16; to Missions. $593.60; to Charitable Objects $188.43.

The Synod aided in supporting four misions at an expense of $625.00, and eight students at an outlay of $865.00.

The 37th Convention was held at Stoutsville, from June 1st to 5th, 1893, 26 ministerial and 17 lay-delegates being in attendance. Three pastors were dismissed to other Synods, and two were ordained the previous year and received at this Convention. Of the latter, one was Rev. Runolf Runolfson, the Icelandic Missionary at Spanish Fork, Utah. The Examining Committee empowered one of its members, Rev. J. F. Beates to conduct the examination, which he did, assisted by Revs. A. P. Martin and T. A. Linder, of the Swedish Augustana Synod. The result being satisfactory the president of the Synod, with the advice and consent of the G. C. English H. M. Committee, passed Mr. Runolfson to ordination. The services were held in the new Icelandic Church at Spanish Fork, U. T., Rev. Beates being assisted in the ordination by Revs. Linder and Martin, Kuhr, of the N. Y. Ministerium, and Rev. Kabo, of Christiana, Norway.

The Synod now numbers 34 pastors, 65 congregations and 9,428 communicants.

Accessions during the year, by confirmation, 551; from Lutheran congregations, 280; other accessions, 38; losses by death, 135: by certificate and removal, 137: by exclusion, 2; infant baptisms, 571; marriages, 208; funerals, 316.

Contributed, for local objects, $34,465.46; for Synodical Treasury, $1,797.91; for G. C. Home Missions, $609.48; for church extension, $282.34: for charitable objects, $507.41.

There are 51 Sunday Schools, with 5,496 scholars, and 26 Church Societies. These together contributed for local objects, $2,846.60; for missions, $435.05; for other charitable objects, $434.43.

The Synod aided four missions at an expense of $737.50. and seven students at an outlay of $835.00. One Mission became self-supporting and a new Mission was organized.

Rev. G. W. Mechling was re-elected Synod's Representative on the G. C. Committee on S. S. Work.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. That in compliance with the recommendation of the General Council, this Synod urges upon our congregations the observance of the Sunday nearest Reformation Day, as "Children's Day," the offerings on that day to be devoted to the G. C. Home Mission Treasury.

2. That our congregations be urged to take up Lenten self denial offerings, and that they be forwarded to the Church Extension Society.

At this Convention the work of beneficiary education was re-organized by the adoption of new rules and regulations to govern this branch of Synod's work. The next Convention will be held at Doylestown, Pa., beginning Thursday after Trinity (May 24th,) 1894.

A. F. Seibert, President.

V.—Swedish Augustana Synod—(No Report.)

VI.—Canada Synod.

Since the rendering of the last report to the General Council, the Synod of Canada has had two annual meetings. One was held in May, 1892 at the village of Herpeler, Ont., and the other in May, 1893, at Philipsburg, Ont. The latter was the 33rd annual meeting of the Synod.

1892.

The statistics showed 40 pastors, 86 congregations, and a communicant membership of 7,572,

Two pastors from the Synod of Pennsylvania were received into the Synod and four candidates for the ministery were ordained. Four corner stones for churches were laid; one church, one cemetery, one parish school, one bell and two organs were dedicated to divine services.

Missions were supported at an expense of $1,246.50. To Foreign Missions was given $696.52. The Kirchenblatt appeared in an enlarged form.

The following money was raised during the year:

For Local Purposes	$18,306 76
For Home Missions	1,830 76
For Foreign Missions	451 59
For Orphans Home Mission	141 23
Support of Invalid Ministers	280 18
For various Charitable Purposes	1,031 25

The Synod recommended free conferences with the Synod of Buffalo and the Canadian District of the Missouri Synod, for the purpose of bringing about a closer fellowship with them.

1893.

The Synod contains 40 pastors, 90 congregations (mission stations included) 3,632 members entitled to vote, and the total number of souls from 17,000 to 18,000. During the year 869 children and adults were baptized and 490 confirmed. There are 27 parish schools in which 17 pastors give instructions, to 874 pupils, either on Saturday or other week days. Besides 3,637 children are instructed by 386 teachers in the 60 Sunday Schols of the Synod.

The Synod lost three of its pastors through death during the past year.

Two candidates were ordained and one was received into the Synod on certificate of release. Three pastors were given tickets of leave, 3 churches, 1 cemetery and 1 reed organ were dedicated.

There are now four conferences in the Canada Synod. The Kirchenblatt, which appears weekly, has a subscription of 1,650. The whole amount of the Minister's Aid Fund is at present $2,500. So far only two pastors have drawn from these funds. For educational purposes the Synod expended $200. Seven missions are supported with $1,555.

The following shows the amount of the collections:

For Home Missions	$2,260 59
For Foreign Missions	497 07
For Orphans' Home	140 02
For Ministers Aid Fund	354 80
For various Charitable Purposes	671 50
For Church Expenditures	21,470 55

There remains little to report in reference to the *free conference* with the Synod of Buffalo and Canadian District of the Missouri Synod, which had been recommended, as the Synod of

Buffalo declined to participate in the discussions, for the following reason: That although they had entire confidence in the pastors of the Synod of Canada, yet, they could not place such confidence in the pastors of the Missouri Synod. In spite of the above named circumstances, two ministerial conferences were held. At the first, 19 pastors of the Canada and 16 pastors of the Missouri Synod were present. At the second, 3 pastors of the Canada and 9 of the Missouri Synod participated.

At the last annual meeting of the Canada Synod, the proposal for having free conferences was withdrawn, as the interest in such conferences seems to be entirely lacking.

The Synod will hold its next convention, D. V., in Hanover, Grey county, Ontario,—Rev. B. Mueller, pastor *loci*, on May 24th, 1894. A. D. Schultz.

VII.—Texas Synod—(No Report.)

VIII.—Indiana Synod.

Abstract of Proceedings of Twenty-third Convention.

The Twenty-third Annual Convention of the Indiana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Frankford, Ind., beginning Sept. 19th, 1893, at 10 o'clock A. M. The Synodical sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. Jesse Dunn, after which the Holy Communion was administered to the members of the Synod.

The Officers elected for the ensuing year were:

President, Rev. M. L. Wagner, Decatur, Illinois.
Secretary, Rev. J. F. Booher, Anderson, Indiana.
Treasurer, M. L. Deck, Esq., Decatur, Illinois.

Missionary President, Rev. A. W. Walter, Decatur, Illinois.

The time of Synod was largely devoted to the consideration of the following subjects: Works of Mercy, Education Home and Foreign Missions. Services in the interests of each of these subjects were held, during which appropriate addresses were delivered by members of Synod and visiting brethren.

The Synod had under its care, Mr. J. A. Leas, who is pursuing a course in the Theological Seminary at Chicago. The work of this young man is highly satisfactory, and sufficient support voted him to enable him to persue his studies another

year. Much interest is manifested by this Synod in this new Lutheran Seminary, and the hope is entertained that it will be a means of furnishing laborers for our promising field.

During the year three ministers were dismissed to other Lutheran Synods, and four were received at this session. Three pastorates are vacant at present.

The Treasurer's books show a larger income for the various benevolent objects than any previous year. The sentiment of all was, that a greater effort be made in this line during the ensuing year.

The Synod resolved to pay into the Treasury of the Home Mission Board, the sum of $600, and as much more as it can raise for Home Missions.

The Missionary President was instructed to call the attention of the Home Mission Board to the bright prospects for Lutheran congregations at Elwood and Alexandria, Madison county, Indiana. Both of these cities have risen in six years, from cross road villages to cities of from 8,000 to 10,000 population. Congregations have been partially organized in each of these cities, with 35 members. Capitalists have offered to donate suitable lots to these for church purposes. These lots are desirable as they are well located. It is the judgment of Synod that these offers should be secured, and the missions cared for.

The next Convention will be held in the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ill., Sept. 11, 1894.

The following are the statistics for 1893: Pastors 18, Congregations 31, Churches 28, Communicants 3584, infant baptisms 153, accessions 475, losses 165, Sunday School 25, teachers 177, scholars 2045, total benevolence for Missions, Education, &c., $2,000.77 M. L. Wagner, Pres.

IX.—The English Synod of the Northwest.

The Third annual meeting of the Synod was held June 7th to 11th, 1893, in the church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Rev. W. K. Frick, pastor. The seven organizing ministers with their lay-delegates were present. One pastor and one church were received, making 9 pastors, 7 churches, 545 communicants, 844 baptized members, or counting one church not connected with Synod, 627 communicants, 970 baptized members. The nine Sunday Schools contain 834 scholars with 87 teachers. The

contributions of the year were: $46.98 for Synodical Expenses, $268.53 for Home Missions, $138.17 for Education, $34.59 for Traveling Expense Fund, $35.94 for Foreign Missions, $76.20 for Local Benevolence, adding $52,35.90, making for General Beneficence $600.41, for congregational expenses, the total is $5,835.31.

The officers are Rev. G. H. Gerberding, Fargo, North Dakota, President; Rev. W. K. Frick, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Secretary; and Rev. W. L. Smith, West St. Paul, Minnesota, Treasurer.

The President's report treated of the state of the times, the tendency to infrequent communion and the employment of ungodly methods in raising church revenue, on which strong resolutions were passed. The sum of $500 was apportioned to be raised for Synodical purposes and general beneficence for 1893-4. The two General Council Superintendents of Missions, addressed Synod. The afternoons were devoted to the reading and discussion of papers, sociological, practical and liturgical. The Matin, the Vesper, and the Morning service were used during the sessions.

The fourth meeting will be held at Salem Church, Minneapolis, Minn., beginning May 30, 1894.

W. K. Frick, Secretary.

Finally the Council adjourned *sine die*.

The Convention was closed, in accordance with the order of service prescribed in the Church Book, by the President.

G. W. Mechling, English Recording Sec.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Oct., 10, 1893.

Divine Services.

1. Opening services Thursday, at 10 A. M., conducted by Revs. Geo. C. F. Haas and G. W. Mechling; sermon by Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D.D., from 2 Cor. 6:9.

2. On Thursday evening a service was held in the interest of German Home Missions; address by Rev. J. Nicum, D. D., Secretary of the Board.

2. Friday evening a Foreign Missionary service was conducted; address by Rev J. Telleen, Superintendent of Foreign Missions.

4. On Sunday morning; sermon by Rev. C. A. Swenson, Ph. D., President of the Council, from Rev., 12:11.

5. Sunday evening was devoted to English Home Missions, with addresses by Revs. Dr. J. A. Kunkelman, J. F. Beates and W. A. Passavant Jr., Superintendent of English Home Missions.

6. On Monday evening Memorial services, commemorative of the 25th anniversary of the organization of the General Council, were held in Trinity Church, in which this Body had been organized 26 years ago. Addresses were delivered to a vast congregation as follows:

(1.) On Reminiscences of the General Council, by Rev. S. Laird, D.D. (2.) On the Educational work of the General Council, by Rev. Prof. M. H. Richards, D.D. (3.) On the Work of Mercy in the General Council, by Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D. (4.) On the Nationalities of the General Council by the President, Rev. C. A. Swenson, Ph. D. (5.) On the influence of the General Council on the Lutheran Church, by Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D.D.

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THE REPORT

OF THE

Board of Foreign Missions.

Presented to the General Council at its meeting in Fort Wayne, Ind., October, 1893.

To the General Council, Etc.

Mr. President and Brethren:—In presenting the Report of its work for the past two years, the Board desires first of all to put on record its gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the blessings it has enjoyed, as seen in the success attending its labors both at home and abroad.

It is not the work of man but of Him who came to be the Light of the world, that you have placed in our hands, yet notwithstanding our weaknesses and imperfections, our failings and shortcomings it has been blessed in a way that constrains us to give utterance to expressions of devout gratitude, and to call upon our souls and all that is within us to bless His Holy Name.

It will be remembered that your Body, at the last Convention, held in Buffalo, N. Y., recommended to our Board the appointment of a Superintendent of the Foreign Missionary work. Acting on this recommendation we entered into correspondence with the Rev. J. Telleen, of Lindsborg, Kansas, and finally extended him a call to the position mentioned. He began his work March 1, 1892. His duties are to visit congregations, Conferences and Synods of the Church, and by these and other means to awaken and keep alive in the hearts of our people an interest in the great work of bringing the heathen to Christ. That Mr. Telleen has been faithful and indefatigable in his labors, all who know him will readily believe and the results clearly prove. These results may not be noticed by the ordinary reader of our Mission papers, but they are known to the Board and must be seen

in time in what they and the Missionaries, with the divine blessing, have been permitted to accomplish.

In this connection it must be remarked that the Mission Societies and Leagues that are found in our congregations, and many of which are united together in general bodies, and hold annual conventions, have been of very great assistance in the prosecution of our work. They keep the cause constantly before all the members of the Churches they represent: they circulate our papers, they send out Christmas boxes to gladden and encourage the hearts of our brethren on the field, and some of them, the Leagues of the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Societies of the First and Second Conferences of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, contribute the salaries of the two Zenana Sisters, Miss Sadtler and Miss Shade.

What has been done by our active and devoted women for the cause of Missions must be regarded as convincing evidence that their organization into societies has not drawn from but added to our treasury.

On every side it seems to be possible to discern a widening and increasing interest in the work of the Board. Word comes to us of young men and young women who are considering the question of preparing themselves for the service of the Lord in the foreign field, new names appear on our lists of contributors, and the cause of Foreign Missions is more generally recognized as entitled to a place among the works of the Church, claiming the attention of all her faithful members.

So the work is extending both here and there, and the fact that so many, who are as yet only preparing for future service, are entertaining the thought of consecrating themselves to this part of the Lord's vineyard, leads us to think that the time is not far distant when the boundaries of our field will be extended and many more laborers are engaged in sowing the seed of divine truth, and gathering the harvest for the Kingdom of our Lord.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

Frequently, during the past two years, our Missionaries have urged us to send out more men to carry on the work already begun. That a prompt reply as desired was not given to such appeals was not owing to any doubt in the minds of the members of the Board as to the need of such workers, but to their inability to secure them. Frequent attempts were made to obtain new men. Whenever a name was suggested no time was lost in inquiring whether the person mentioned was available. But all these efforts amounted to nothing until a call

was extended to Mr. Paul Baehnisch of the Senior Class of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. This call was accepted, and Mr. Baehnisch having been ordained by the New York Ministerium was solemnly consecrated to the office and work of a Missionary, at a largely attended service held in St. James' German Church, Philadelphia, on the evening of Sunday, July 23, 1893.

On the following Wednesday, July 26, the Rev. Mr. Baehnisch sailed from Philadelphia for Europe, where he intended to spend several weeks in visiting his relatives and friends. A cablegram received from him quite recently announces his marriage. He is doubtless at this time on his way to India.

The attention of the Board was also directed to Mr. Rudolph Arps who had been connected with the Breklum Mission Institute, Germany. After some correspondence with him, he also received and accepted a call.

The name of the Rev. H. E. Isaacson, of Port Alleghany, Pa., a member of the Swedish Augustana Synod, was also proposed as that of a suitable person for our field and work. The same course was pursued with him and resulted in our securing him also for India.

But we may be pardoned in saying that it is with great pleasure and deep gratitude to God that we are able to report having secured the services of the Rev. E. Pohl, of Liegnitz, Germany. It will be remembered that Mr. Pohl was, by the kindness of the Breklum Mission Society, permitted to labor in our field for upwards of two years, where his presence exerted such a happy influence, and his labors were so efficient and successful, that we feel sure the whole Church will rejoice with us in his return to our service. This, too, was secured by the Breklum Society kindly transferring him to our Board, with the understanding, however, that in case of emergency he may be recalled and sent to their own field.

After some discussion, it was resolved by the Board to bring the Rev. Mr. Pohl and Mr. Arps to this country for a few weeks' stay prior to their setting out for India. The name of the former is so well known to the readers of the Missions-Bote and The Foreign Missionary that it was thought that it would be of great service in increasing their interest in the work if at least some of them could see his face and hear his voice: and Mr. Arps not being ordained, it was decided that his ordination should take place in this country so that he would be in connection with one of our Synods as are the other missionaries now in India.

These two brethren arrived here Sept. 6, and nearly all of the time during their stay was passed in presenting the cause in which they are engaged to congregations, Conferences and Synods.

Mr. Arps was ordained by the officers of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, at St. John's German Church, Philadelphia, on the evening of Sunday, Sept. 24. The Consecration Service, at which the Rev. Mr. Isaacson and the Rev. Mr. Arps were solemnly consecrated to this particular work, was held in St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, Oct 2, 1893.

These three brethren, with the wife of Mr. Isaacson, sailed from New York, Oct. 4, and are now on the sea, on the way to their new field of labor. Let the prayers of the Church be sent up to heaven in their behalf, that they may have a safe and prosperous journey and in due time reach the place whither they are sent to proclaim the great doctrine of salvation through the Redeemer's blood.

The four new missionaries whose names have been given, and who are now travelling on land or sea, with their faces toward India, are all married. The sending out of such a large addition to our force in so short a time, adds at once considerable to the expense of carrying on the work, but the great and pressing wants of the field, the increasing interest of the Church and the promises of God have encouraged the Board to take this important step. It was the opinion of all that this was the thing to do, and doing it they look to God and the Church for the support and assistance that will be required.

THE MISSIONARIES AND THEIR DISTRICTS.

Looking now at the field itself, we find little change has taken place in the assignment of the Districts since our last Report.

The Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D. D., is in charge of Rajahmundry and the outlying District.

The Rev. E. Edman, M. D., resides at Samulcotta, and has the supervision of that District.

The Rev. C. F. Kuder is the Superintendent of the Seminary at Rajahmundry, and is also temporarily in charge of Tallapudi and its District.

The Rev. F. J. McCready is on furlough.

Miss Kate S. Sadtler is engaged in Zenana work and is in charge of the Caste Girls' School.

Miss Agnes I. Schade is also engaged in Zenana work, and in addition has the supervision of the Mohammedan Girls' School.

The Rev. N. Paulus and the Rev. T. Joseph, native Pastors, under

the direction of the Rev. Dr. Schmidt, attend to the work in the Velpur and Jagurupad Districts respectively.

What arrangement will be made for the location of the new missionaries can not be stated at present. It is probable, however, that one will be located at Dowlaishwaram.

The health of the Missionaries has in general been good, but owing some months ago to the ill health of Mrs. Edman the Board acceded to the request of Dr. Edman to be allowed to bring her home, in case it should be found necessary, with the understanding that he would, after a short stay here, return to his post. We are happy to say that so far it has not been found necessary to come back, and we earnestly hope that Mrs. Edman's health will be soon fully and permanently restored.

The wives of our Missionaries have been of very great assistance in trying to teach and elevate the Christian girls and women. Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. McCready have been active in giving instruction in handiwork, by which these poor people may be able to support themselves, while Mrs. Kuder has rendered valuable assistance in connection with the Seminary.

In the latter part of the Summer of 1892, Mr. McCready asked for a furlough for one year. As he gave no reason for such a request, and the Board had no knowledge that it was required by the condition of his health, further particulars were asked for before action was taken in the matter. It was then learned that he had become interested in some tile works, which were a private enterprise, but which, if properly managed and developed, he hoped would be of advantage to the Mission in giving work to the poor Christians, who, by reason of their becoming Christians, were cast out by their families and were without means of support. To this industry and its development Mr. McCready proposed to devote his time and strength. While we understood perfectly well and recognized the force of his argument, we nevertheless were of the opinion that the first duty of an ordained and consecrated Missionary was to preach the Gospel and administer the Holy Sacraments, and that to grant his request for the reason given would be to reduce our already small force of those having charge of the Districts, and to leave an important part of the work without the proper care and attention. Still, in view of all the facts, the Board hesitated to decide the question, so, after stating its opinions very plainly to Mr. McCready, it left the final decision to himself. Accordingly in the early part of last February Mr. McCready and his family

left Tallapudi for a furlough for one year. Recent letters tell us that he is back again, but not doing the work of the Mission. We hope, however, that at the end of his year we will again find him devoting his attention to the schools and the preaching of the Gospel in the Tallapudi District. In the meantime the Rev. C. F. Kuder has been asked to take the supervision of that District, but to do so, and to do it properly, along with the care of the Seminary, is almost impossible. In the coming of four new men into the field, we naturally hope for some arrangement that will be satisfactory to all, and save the work from the injury that is sure to follow neglect or the inability to give it proper attention.

A MISSION HOUSE.

At Samulcotta Dr. Edman seems to be doing a good work, but finds much trouble where least expected, and those who claim to be trying to make Christians its cause. Says our Missionary: "The unreasonable and unconscionable Baptists have made us much trouble this year. Their greatest work seems to be among our teachers and Christians. Two of our teachers, D. Mamayah and D. Peter, they got into their net and dipped. They go to our teachers and promise

them more money if they will come to them. * * * If something could be done to stop their robbing, I would be glad. I have talked to them and written to them, but it is of no use. I have instructed my teachers in doctrine, and no one seems to agree with the Baptist belief, but when money is offered them they cannot stand the temptation, but sell, like Judas, their faith, their Church and their Saviour for thirty rupees."

The Rev. Dr. Schmidt, in his last Report, dated June 30, 1893, says that in the six months just ended, he spent 56 days in visiting the Christian villages in his District, which includes Rajahmundry, Dowlaishwaram, Velpur and Jagurupad. He was not able, however, to reach all of the villages in that time. "In the Velpur District," the Report says, "the Rev. Paulus married 46 couples, more than have ever before been married in one Mission in half a year. The natural growth of our Church, out of itself, begins to claim our serious attention. But the conversions from heathenism are even greater, and our teaching staff must be doubled in a few years if we want to have all our Christians under instruction in the Gospel."

THE SEMINARY.

The Rev. Mr. Kuder, in his last Report, says: "It is of paramount importance that we be most careful in fostering our *training institution.* To it we must look for the supply of teachers and workers, and it must impart to them the spirit of Christian love and activity. It is narrow to imagine that the Seminary is an honor or a benefit only to the Station in which it is located, or to the Missionaries who reside at that Station." Speaking of the work the Seminary is doing in providing teachers for the several Districts, Mr. Kuder makes this interesting yet astounding statement: "There is a standing call on the Seminary for not less than 100 teachers, for there are now more than 75 Christian villages, that is, villages in which Christians reside, without teachers. The supply is clearly not equal to the demand, and never will be unless we increase the number of the students in the Seminary."

Circumstances sometimes render it necessary to employ Brahmin teachers in our Christian training school, but the aim of Mr. Kuder is to procure, as soon as possible, "a staff of competent Christian teachers."

THE ZENANA SISTERS AND THEIR WORK.

In this department we can not as yet point to any great results as having been achieved. The Board understood from the beginning that it would take considerable time to accomplish anything of importance in this direction. Yet the wisdom of sending out our Zenana Sisters, and of providing them a house to which the native women could go without hesitation, must be apparent to all who read in our Mission papers the letters of these two devoted Christian women.

Miss Sadtler is also in charge of the Caste Girls' School at Rajahmundry. She reports the attendance during the first six months of 1893 as good, and says that among other things the children are taught the Catechism, Bible verses, and to sing Christian hymns.

Miss Schade, in superintending the Artman Poor Mohammedan Girls' School, has had, during the period from January to July, 1893, considerable difficulty in securing the proper teachers, and also, for a part of the time, a suitable place in which to carry on the exercises of the school.

So few Christians understand the Hindustani that sometimes it has been necessary to employ Mohammedans, and this has not always worked to the advantage of the school or its scholars.

NEW STATIONS.

At the last meeting of the Missionary Council, held in Rajahmundry, in July, 1893, it was, *Resolved*, That we suggest to the Board that two new stations be opened, one to be at Pittapur, nine miles northeast of Samulcotta, and the other at Tadapilliguddiem, a railway station, half way between Rajahmundry and Ellore.

This suggestion was approved by the Board, and the Missionary Council was authorized to take such action as was necessary to carry it into execution.

It is interesting to learn from Dr. Edman's Report that Pittapur is the principal city in that section of the country. It has 15,000 inhabitants. Dr. Edman proposes that one of the new Missionaries be located in this place. He says it will be the centre of a large district, as it will enable a Missionary to reach at least 100 towns and villages with the Gospel.

BUILDINGS, OLD AND NEW.

The buildings in Rajahmundry and Samulcotta, occupied by the Mission, have received the necessary repairs and attention.

The Zenana House has been completed and a handsome picture of it has been sent to every contributor to the cost of its erection. The house at Dowlaishwaram is being completed, and it is expected to furnish accommodations for two of the new Missionaries and their wives.

The Church of the Transfiguration, Bhimawaram, in the Velpur District, which has been greatly needed, is now under way. Dr. Schmidt writes that "the required timber has been procured," and men are now engaged in "cutting it into shape." The cost will be $3,000, and special contributions have been solicited. The responses thus far have been liberal, but much of the required amount still remains to be raised.

A MISSION CHURCH.

OTHER BUILDINGS NEEDED.

The work now being done on the buildings at Dowlaishwaram and Bhimawaram does not make us indifferent to the fact that other new buildings are greatly needed. From Rajahmundry and Samulcotta we hear that the work requires larger and better accommodations for

scholars, teachers and others, while from almost every District information comes that ground has been secured in different villages, and that school houses ought to be erected there as soon as possible.

Mr. Kuder has told us that before long he will formally ask for a new building to meet the demands of the Seminary, that better work may be done in training teachers for our schools. Miss Schade, speaking of the Artman Mohammedan Girls' School, says: "If it shall prosper, we must have a Mission building for the purpose. The room heretofore occupied is very poorly located and is used as a thoroughfare by the occupants of the house and others. We could have the use of it only during school hours. After that it was used for various purposes, one of which was, as we have just discovered, to answer as a class-room for a class of Mohammedan girls who were taught the Koran by the headmaster of our school. The present experience has shown that so long as we have no Mission building, we shall be liable to be shifted about from place to place, and always with loss. There are very few buildings within the Mohammedan quarters which are suitable for school purposes."

Dr. Edman refers in his last Report to the frequent calls made upon him by the natives for medical service, and then adds: "Having looked into the matter, I am convinced that we must have a Hospital as soon as possible, where our Christians and low caste people can be properly treated. The Government hospitals with the native high caste Dressers are of very little use for the lower classes. One of our school boys in Pittapore broke his arm, and on going to the hospital to have it attended to, he was not allowed to enter because he was of low caste. However, the sweeper was sent outside to dress the arm, but he did so badly that when the boy reached his home the dressing had to be removed. When I saw the arm it was too late to set it properly. Another boy cut off his finger, went to the hospital, but being of low caste got no help. No one of our Christians likes to go to the hospitals already established. If the Board could see its way clear to open such an institution here it would doubtless accomplish great good."

The only action taken by the Board in reference to any of these buildings is in connection with the desired Artman Mohammedan Girls' School. No building has yet been begun, or even ordered, but authority has been given to purchase a piece of ground for the purpose, and the Missionary Council has been directed to act in this matter according to its judgment and as circumstances may require.

In this connection it should be mentioned that Dr. Schmidt informs us that before long a new Boat will be an absolute necessity. Of the Boat now in use he says: "The hull is worn out, and it was with some difficulty that we managed to fix it so that it would hold together. The Boat must be caulked at least once in every two years, and must be taken out of the water for that purpose. It will hardly stand this another time, but may serve until it must be overhauled again. I hope we may be able to get a new Boat with steel bottom which would require no caulking. Perhaps we can also get some artificial means of working the propeller without increasing the heat of the atmosphere in the Boat. If one Boat is to serve for all the Missionaries, it ought, in the future, to move with greater speed than is the case at present."

UNORDAINED MISSIONARIES.

Thus far all our Missionaries have been ordained ministers of the Gospel, but the existence of Industrial Schools, and the establishing of a Hospital, if such should be authorized or encouraged, will before long force upon our consideration the question of sending out unordained men who are skilled in one or more branches of industry, practical and experienced, who could have the charge of the workshops, and thus allow the ordained Missionaries to do what the Board believes is the first and chief duty of the ordained Missionary, namely, to preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments.

This subject has been mentioned, but has not yet received any consideration. It is referred to here that the Church may thus early learn of the possible demands of our growing mission-work, and that whatever is done in this direction may be the careful and well-considered action of the mind of the Church, and receive the Church's heartiest and most liberal support.

THE MISSION PAPERS, ETC.

The Missions-Bote and The Foreign Missionary are still published regularly and may be considered very important agents in the prosecution of the work of the Board. Of The Missions-Bote 13,500 copies were printed last month, and 7,000 copies were printed at the same time of The Foreign Missionary.

The Rev. F. W. Weiskotten continues to edit The Missions-Bote, which he does very ably. He is assisted by the Rev. H. Grahn, who also acts as the Agent for both papers. In July last, the Rev. Dr. C. W. Schaeffer and the Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer tendered their resignations as Editors of The Foreign Missionary, a position they

had filled from the first number of the paper, a period of almost fourteen years. Their resignations were accepted and the Rev. E. E. Sibole and the Rev. E. R. Cassaday, members of the Board, were elected respectively Editor and Associate Editor.

We again bespeak for these papers the earnest support and encouragement of our people. The cause in which we are laboring and the churches at home are benefitted by their circulation. They who read them feel the constraining love of Christ, and then work and pray more for the Church here and the work of saving souls from the errors and darkness of heathenism.

Mr. W. H. Staake has continued to serve the Church in the capacity of Treasurer, and receiving no compensation for the arduous duties which he performs so cheerfully and so well, we think it proper that the General Council should, at least by vote, express its hearty appreciation of his services.

It will be noticed that the composition of the Board has changed since the last meeting of the General Council. The Rev. Dr. Spaeth and the Rev. P. J. O. Cornell have resigned, while the Rev. Dr. Mann has been called to his heavenly home. The absence of these brethren is greatly felt. Clear in their understanding of the field and its needs, and correct in their judgment, their absence from our meetings is a loss to the cause and the Church. May the Lord direct us in the choice of others who will take their places, and manifesting their spirit assist in the blessed work of giving the Gospel of our adorable Saviour to those who are still in heathen darkness.

STATISTICS OF THE MISSION.

Number Missionaries	4
" " wives	4
" Zenana Sisters	2
" Native Pastors	2
" Evangelists, Catechists, Teachers, etc	96
Whole number Mission workers	108
Number Principal Stations	6
" Villages where schools have been established	95
" " " the Gospel is preached	146
" Baptized (adults and children)	1224
" Confirmed	42
" Communicants	1441
Whole number Christians	3757
Number of Children in School	1608
Gain in number of Christians	701
" " " " Children in School	135

SCHOLARS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS.

The Superintendent of the Seminary has submitted the following lists of scholars, showing the age of each and the person or society contributing towards his support.

LIST A. BOARDING BOYS.

NAMES.	CLASS.	AGE.	SUPPORTERS.
Kadimi Gabriel	VII.	14	St. Mark's Sunday-school Pennsburg, Pa.
Sadi Lazarus	"	18	Turbotville Charge, Pa., Rev. A. P. Pflueger.
Vemuluri Benjamin	"	14	Father Heyer Miss. Soc., Mt. Airy Seminary.
Balla Anandam	VI.	15	St. Mark's Sunday-school, New York.
Potti Aaron	"	16	Oliver Hoffman Memorial Scholarship.
Badithi Narayanaswamy	V.	16	Edwin Lukens.
Buparti Matthew	"	14	Friedensburg Congregation, Oley, Pa.
Elthacota John	"	14	Sunday-school, Zelienople, Pa.
Gundi Sadhervu	"	14	Infant Sunday-school St. John's, Easton, Pa.
Kottagundla Cornelius	"	12	
Mylabatta Meshech	"	17	St. John's Sunday-school, Erie, Pa.*
Nalli Devasahapam	"	12	Sunday-school Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
Pantakani Paradesi	"	12	Sunday-school, Maple Ridge, Minn.
Pidakala Gamaliel	"	13	Missionary Society, St. Michael's, Philada.
Vardanapu Joseph	"	15	Girls' School, Mary J. Drexel Home
Alipeh Devadasu	IV.	15	Rev. Ch. S. Kohler's Cong., Cleveland, O.
Balla Lazarus	"	14	Rev Frank Fry, Bethlehem, Pa.
Bathini Samuel	"	14	Sunday-school at Meadville, Franklin Co., Pa.
Buparti Joseph	"	13	Rev. John Shunk and Wife.

* Now probably " Erie Memorial Scholarship."

List A. Continued.

NAMES.	CLASS.	AGE.	SUPPORTERS.
Chigurupalli Johanu	IV.	14	Ladies' Miss. Soc. St. Peter's, So. Bethlehem.
Ella Job	"	14	Swedish Evan. Luth. Church, Denver, Col.
Ella Nathanael	"	12	Zion's-Sunday-school, Wilmington, Del.
Gurdaparti David	"	12	Young People's Miss. Soc., Zion's, Easton, Pa.
Lankalapalli Johanu	"	13	Children's Miss Soc., Aug'na Ch., Minneapolis.
Nakka Martin	"	11	Missionary League, Leechburg, Pa.
Paladugulla Johanu	"	13	
Palaparthi Samuel	"	14	St. Mark's Sunday-school, Williamsport, Pa.
Pattem Daniel	"	13	
Pidakala Samson	"	10	Y. L. Class, Evan. Luth. Ch , Saegerstown, Pa.
Polumati Lazarus	"	19	
Ravady Peter	"	16	Pays one rupee a month.
Raya Jacob	"	12	
Raya Gabriel	"	13	
Sampara Davadasu	"	13	J. G. Wagner's S. S. Class, Rochester, N. Y.
Sasi Adam	"	13	Missionary League, Philippsburg, Pa.
Vellakapelli Alfred	"	13	Chas. A. Heinitsch Scholarship.
Vizeppa Samuel	"	12	Alternate S. S. Transfiguration, Pottstown, Pa Mr. John Keek, Shannondale, Pa.
Yemuluri Jacob	"	12	Anna L. Haas Memorial Scholarship.
Yemuluri Jacob	"	15	
Batala Peter	III.	13	Frieden's Church and S. S., Meyerstown, Pa.
Chedalada Noah	"	11	Dietrich Memorial Scholarship. Infants' Sunday-school, Trinity, Philada.
Chigurupalli Jacob	"	12	
Dasari Judah	"	10	Pays 8 annas a month.
Geddam Daniel	"	12	New York Ministerium, N. Y.
Gollapali Edward	"	11	Mr. John Ansteth.
Haridasu David	"	10	
Jerti Isaiah	"	11	Evan. Luth. Sunday-school, Williamsport, Pa.
Korlaparti Devadanam	"	10	Ralph E. Whitmore Scholarship
Lankalapalli Benjamin	"	12	Sunday-school Transfiguration, Pottstown, Pa.
Marathi Johanu	"	15	Sunday-school 1st Luth. Ch., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mardi Joseph	"	15	Swedish Luth. Sunday-school, Portland, Ore.
Matzu Samuel	"	10	Miss Kate Sadtler.
Mugalapu Srinivasa Row	"	10	Ladies' Society, Evansville, Warren, Co., Pa.
Mungamuri Sadhervu	"	10	Wm. Groening Scholarship.
Mutzamu Henry	"	12	Bersh Sisters, Erie, Pa.
Namburi Devadanam	"	9	Y. P. Soc., Aug. L. Ch., Minneapolis, Minn.
Namburi Prakashamu	"	11	
Neredi Jonah	"	10	
Ooba Solomon	"	13	Missionary Society, Columbus, O.
Palaparti Gabriel	"	13	Rev. E. H. Smoll, Penna.
Pulaparti Lazarus	"	16	Lutheran Missionary Society, Maeungie, Pa.
Pardaparti Mark	"	14	Pays 8 annas a month.
Peetala Samuel	"	12	Pays 8 annas a month.
Penumaka Jeevaratuam	"	9	
Pidakala Nathan	"	13	Pays 8 annas a month.
Pilli Johanu	"	13	Pays 8 annas a month.
Potla Daniel	"	11	
Sandhi Barnabas	"	16	
Sarilla Joseph	"	14	Artman Scholarship, St. Stephen's, Philada.
Sasi Isaac	"	11	Missionary League, Philippsburg, Pa.
Sringaram Kanakagga	"	10	
Thaluri Jeevarahram	"	12	Rev. C. F. Kuder.
Thaluri Matthew	"	14	Pays 8 annas a month.
Thaluri Shadrach	"	12	Ladies' Society, Christine Lake, Minn.
Torta Daniel	"	17	
Vardanapu Jesudas	"	9	Sunday-school Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
Vellakapelli Prakashamu	"	11	Erie Memorial Mission League.
Vepuri Joseph	"	15	F. A. Bonander, Vleits, Kansas.
Budithi Joseph	II.	9	Sunday-school St. Michael's. Philada., Pa.
Didla Deivasahapam	"	10	Grace Sunday-school, Bethlehem, Pa.
Geddam Jeevaraham	"	10	
Komarardu Jeremiah	"	9	
Mulla Johanu	"	10	
Paritada Amos	"	10	
Raya Samuel	"	10	
Sade Elisha	"	10	
Sasi Samuel	"	19	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D. D.
Gundopilly Joseph	I.	9	Pays 8 annas a month.
Gundopilly Paul	"	9	Pays 8 annas a month.
Tekoa Matthew	"	9	
Komareddy Gabriel	"	7	
Madagasy Alfred	"	7	

LIST B. BOARDING GIRLS.

NAMES.	CLASS.	AGE.	SUPPORTERS.
Irlapadi Kantama	IV.	13	
Pulumati Kantama	"	13	
Bollepu Karuna	III.	9	
Bollepu Mary	"	11	S. S. 1st Evan. Luth. Ch., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Didla Anna	"	12	
Geddam Mary	"	11	
Gollapalli Kemparatnam	"	8	Matron's Daughter.
Irlapadi Mary	"	11	Infants' S. S. St. Michael's, Philada., Pa.
Kattula Leah	"	11	Ann Maurer Scholarship.
Nalambaltala Martha	"	9	Children's Miss. Soc.,St. John's,Allentown, Pa.
Pulumati Shantam	"	11	
Potti Naomi	"	12	Busy Bees, North Wales, Pa.
Thuluri Mary	"	13	
Vara Stella	"	10	Gertie and Katie Bender, Jonestown, Pa.
Yemaluri Satyavathi	"	12	Miss Emma Blank, Pennsburg, Pa.
Adithi Mary	"	9	Swedish S. S. Emmanuel's Church, Chicago.
Bathini Kareena	"	9	
Haridasu Rathnam	"	8	
Jerti Manikiam	"	9	Helpers, Graee Church, Lancaster, Pa.
Sasi Velugu	I.	8	Miss Agnes Sehade.

LIST C—DAY PUPILS—BOYS.

NAMES.	Class.	Age.	NAMES.	Class.	Age.
Aehantama Janikramiah	VII.	11	Darla Chinnayacharyalee	III.	9
Koeharlakota Veukatasubborow	"	12	Jangam Franeis	"	9
Nicodemus Israel	"	16	Jangam Jonah	"	11
Nitta Philip	"	21	Jangam Stephen	"	14
Samuel Rafferty	"	16	Kantamu Ramasawmg	"	12
Korriprolu Narasimham	VI.	12	Kotta Suriah	"	12
Nela Abraham	"	15	Moyeti Johann	"	11
Nedamarthi Lobshmiah	"	13	Vundrajavarm Gabriel	"	9
Valleeri Jaganatharow	"	10	Ravva Paradesy	"	11
Vemdrajaveeram John	"	12	Jerriprolu Franklin	II.	8
Bunder John	V.	13	Moyeti Lazurus	"	9
Chedalada Jeevaratuam	"	12	Putsakayala Prematharda	"	10
Crikotla Gilbert	"	12	Thoualee Peter	"	25
Evani Veukata Rathnam	"	14	Veeravalli Veukana	"	10
Boosi William	IV.	13	Zala Nagana	"	14
Darla Koudayacharyulu	"	11	Jerriprolu Sechamani	I.	6
Geenta Venkata Row	"	9	Mallula Ananta Row	"	5
James Rafferty	"	14	Nandi Orlam	"	10
Jaugam Jesudas	"	12	Nandi Doraswamy	"	8
Kadeini Isaae	"	10	Paidapani Krupaprasadam	"	6
Koeharlakota Veukataramial	"	10	Geddarda Marini	Inf.	5
Ravva Veukataratuam	"	14	Kandulee Gabriel	"	6
Vivaduri Veukatakashna Row	"	10	Katuma Mutyslu	"	6
Ala Venkiah	III.	10	Muppidi Johann	"	6
			Patzakayala Prakassea	"	5
			Sarvasuddi Appana	"	6

LIST D—DAY PUPILS—GIRLS.

NAMES.	Class.	Age.	NAMES.	Class.	Age.
Jerriprolu Rhoda	V.	16	Geddarda Monghama	I.	10
Nalaprolu Anna	"	15	Jangam Kantam	"	10
Sade Martha	"	15	Nela Guanatatuam	"	7
Nela Elizabeth	IV.	11	Nitta Sarah	"	10
Kadeini Meriam	III.	9	Lonakuti Miriam	"	11
Sreekotla Monica	"	12	Moyeti Grace	Inf.	5
Thota Paranjeotama	"	11	Putzakayala Martha	"	7
Merugu Shautam	II.	9	Puszakayala Ruth	"	5
Muppidi Mary	"	11	Sarvasuddi Appalama	"	6
Nammi Sarah	"	10	Vundrajavaram Christiana	"	4
Srikotla Guana Rothunn	"	9	Vundrajavaram Dagmar	"	7
Thota Alice	"	8	Louakuti Kantam	"	6
Louakuti Lydia	"	12			

SUMMARY.

Boarding Boys	92
Boarding Girls	19
Day Pupils, Boys	50
Day Pupils, Girls	25
Total	186

LIST E.—MISSIONARY AGENTS SUPPORTED.

NAMES.	LOCATION.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
N. Isaac	Jagumpetta	Mrs. Evald's Bible Class, Chicago, Ill.
C. James	Rajahmundry	St. John's S. S., Allentown, Pa.
B. John	Goneguddiem	Trinity S. S., Reading, Pa.
J. John	Samulcotta	Miss. Society, Republic, Mich.
M. Devadas	Rajahmundry	St. Johannis' S. S., Philadelphia, Pa.
R. Charles	Rajahmundry	Miss. Society, Mulberry, Ind.
P. Peter	Tallapudi District	Rev. F. Burtram, Ill.
D. Bramiah	Kovur	Miss. Society First Luth. Ch., Columbus, O.
Ch. Anandam	Tallapudi	Miss Brant.
An Evangelist	Tallapudi District	F. J. McCready Miss. Society, Lehighton, Pa.
D. Peter	Madpardu	S. S. First Luth. Ch., Rockford, Ill.
R. David	Pittapur	S. S., Lindsborg, Kan.
K. Daniel	Dommeru	Miss. League, Adamsburg, Pa.
A Catechist		Trinity S. S., Lancaster, Pa.
A Catechist		"Senaps Kornet," Burlington, Iowa.
An Evangelist		Bush Creek, Pittsburgh Synod.
P. Meshech	Aredu	St. Luke's S. S., Philadelphia, Pa.
A. Benjamin	Kolamur	Miss. Band, Zion's Ch., Greensburg, Pa.
A. Daniel	Garagaparru	Bethlehem S. S., Washington Co., Pa.
N. Benjamin	Vandra	Miss. Society, Solomon's Ch., Macungie, Pa.
B. Benjamin	Chinamiram	Telugu Class. St. Mark's, Philadelphia.
T. Joseph	Uppulur	Salem S. S., Bethlehem, Pa.
K. Johanu	Jagurupad District	Rev. J. Fox, Slatington, Pa.

LIST E.—SCHOOLS SUPPORTED.

NAMES.	LOCATION.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
The Caste Girls' Sch.	Rajahmundry	St. John's S. S., and St. Mark's S. S., Phila., Pa.
The Artman Poor Mohammedan Girl's School	Rajahmundry	Young Ladies' Soc., & S. S. Holy Trin. Ch., N. Y.
The Sch. at Gorlamudi	Velpur District	Children's Miss. Soc., Rev. Evald's S. S., Chicago.
The School at Sriran-gapatnam	Korukonda District	Ladies' Miss. Soc., " " " "
	Tallapudi District	St. Paul's Sunday-school, Brooklyn, N. Y.

To these lists Mr. Kuder adds the following:

I am very uncertain as to the correctness of this report. My sources of information are not satisfactory, extending as they do, over a period of three years. In this time changes have occurred among pastors and officers of Societies and Sunday-schools. For example:

Is Evan. Luth. Sunday-school, Williamsport, Pa., 1891,
equal to St. Mark's Sunday-school, " " 1892,
equal to Rev. G. G. Kunkle, " " 1893?

There are many others of similar doubtful correctness.

More than two years ago, as will be seen in our last Report, the Board took certain action in reference to scholarships, the object of which action was to increase their number and at the same time to prevent their interfering with the good order and discipline of the schools. It may be well to repeat part of that action here, as follows:

"That the founding of scholarships, bearing the name of the founder if so desired, be recommended, and that the children who are to enjoy the benefits of such scholarships be selected by the Superintendent, and be solely under his control."

"That the support of *schools* be recommended to the friends of Missions, with the understanding that no school, by reason of such individual support, shall be exempt from complying with all the rules and regulations that bind the other schools of the District, and also, that if the amount of support thus contributed be greater than the actual demands of the school, the balance shall be turned into the general treasury."

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's account for the two years ending September 28, 1893, is as follows:

The Foreign Mission Fund.

Total Receipts,	$32,856 52
" Expenditures,	30,844 30
Balance,	$2,012 22

The Missions-Bote.

Total Receipts,	$4,674 90
" Expenditures	2,751 09
Balance,	$1,923 81

The Foreign Missionary.

Total Receipts,	$1,187 66
" Expenditures,	1,489 02
Deficit,	$301 36

The Foreign Mission Fund compared with that of last year:

	1891.	*1893.*
Total Receipts,	$25,351 60	$32,856 52
" Expenditures,	25,978 63	30,844 30

In closing this Report the Board has no suggestions to offer other than that the General Council shall urge its congregations to continued and increased interest in this very important work of telling the heathen of the love of Christ. With the means at our disposal, both men and money, the Board has endeavored to faithfully discharge the duty committed to its hands. If the Church is pleased to increase its supply of missionaries and its revenue, new stations can be established and the boundaries of our territory greatly enlarged. May the Divine blessing rest upon our Missionaries and all their work, and may the Board, which you will now elect, receive a large measure of the Holy Spirit, that they may be guided and blessed in all they do or undertake for the glory of God and for those who know not Christ.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

WM. ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER,

Corresponding Secretary.

4784 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

October 6, 1893.

APPENDIX No. 2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATIONS.

Your committee appointed to take into consideration the feasibility of establishing a General Council Young People's Association, and if deemed desirable, to devise plans for the same, respectfully submits the following:

It seems to us that the spirit of the age both favors and affords opportunity for the development and utilization of all the forces within the church, and at its disposal. We believe also, that the wise direction of these forces, with the blessings of God, will result in great good. Such at least has been the experience of organizations of like character to that proposed.

The society of Christian Endeavor, organized in 1881, has a membership of more than a million, and these are found, not only in the United States and Canada, but also in Great Britain, Australia and all Missionary lands. The practical results, it is claimed, are even greater than its wondrous growth. There has been awakened a greater desire to know the teachings of the Divine word—a stronger attachment for ones own church—a deeper interest in the work of the Sunday School—a more regular attendance upon the regular services of the church—together with an awakening zeal, and increased activity in all christian work.

Denominational organizations for like ends, have been attended with similar results.

In view of these facts, your committee feels that it is most desirable that the young people of all our churches should be organized in active christian work, and believes that it is entirely feasible to do so.

We therefore propose that the General Council recommend:

1. The organization of Young People's Associations in all our congregations.

2. That there be organized also, conference, Synodical and a general association, embracing the whole territory of the General Council.

3. That a standing committee be appointed, to which this whole matter shall be committed.

4. That it be the duty of said committee to report to the General Council at its regular Conventions, the progress, condition and results of the work.

Your committee herewith submits a form of constitution for congregational associations:

Constitutions for Conference, Synodical and a General Association can readily be prepared when needed.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—Name.

The Young People's Society of . . . . . .
Lutheran Church . . . . . .

ART. II.—Object.

1. To bring its members to a clearer consciousness of their Christian Faith—develop an earnest Christian life—bring about mutual acquaintance and secure usefulness in the service of God.

2. To encourage the daily reading of the Bible—participation in devotional services and taking active part in christian work.

3. To foster the spirit of loyalty to their church, by the study of her history, doctrines and usages.

ART. III.—Members.

1. The members of this society shall be: Active, Associate and Honorary.

(*a.*) The active members shall consist of all young persons connected with the congregation, who sincerely desire to accomplish the objects above specified, and they only shall have the right to vote.

(*b.*) The associate members shall be, all young persons of worthy character, who are in sympathy with the objects of the society, and desire to attend its meetings. They may take part in the discussions of the society, but shall have no vote.

(*c.*) The honorary members shall be, the pastor, members of the church council and other members of the church.

2. Persons may become members of the society by election.

ART. IV.—Officers.

1. The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usually pertaining to their respective offices.

2. These officers shall be chosen by ballot every —— months, and, the Treasurer excepted, they shall not be chosen twice in succession.

ART. V.—The Council.

1. The Council shall consist of the Pastor, the Superintendent of the Sunday School, and the Officers and Chairmen of the Standing Committees of the Society.

2. The Council shall constitute the connecting link between the Church, the Sunday School, and the Society.

3. The Society shall respect the recommendations of the Council on all subjects touching the welfare of the Church, the Sunday School, and the Society.

ART. VI.—Committees.

There shall be four Standing Committees.

1. The Committee of Oversight, who shall propose new members, see that they sign the Constitution, encourage them to faithfulness, and bring back any who may have become indifferent or negligent.

2. The Devotional Service Committee, who shall appoint Devotional Meetings, and the leaders of them, suggest topics and other exercises, and encourage faithful attendance and active participation in their services.

3. The Social Committee, who shall promote the social interests of the Society by securing the mutual acquaintance of the members, and arranging such local entertainments as may meet the approval of the Church Council.

4. The Historical Committee, whose duty shall be to promote the study of the history of the Church, by arranging meetings for that purpose, selecting subjects, and appointing the leaders for these meetings.

5. The Standing Committees shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed by the President of the Society, and continue for the period of six months.

6. Special Committees may be appointed at any time by the President of the Society, unless otherwise ordered.

ART. VII.—Meetings.

1. Meetings for Devotional Services shall be held each Lord's Day evening, one hour before the time for the regular service of the congregation.

2. The Historical meetings shall be held the —— Sunday of each month.

3. Public Mission Services may be held as directed by the Society.

ART. VIII.—Amendments.

Amendments to this Constitution, approved by the Council, may be made at any regular meeting, if ratified by a three-fourth vote of the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Kunkelman,
J. Q. Waters,
W. J. Miller.

APPENDIX No. 3.

REVISED ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM,

By a Joint Committee of All the General Bodies and Synods, in Which the English Language is Largely Used.

I. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach them to his household.

I AM THE LORD THY GOD.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

[Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image * * nor serve them.]

Ques. What is meant by this?

Ans. We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not curse, swear, use witchcraft, lie or deceive by his name, but call upon his name in every time of need, and worship him with prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT.

Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.*

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not despise preaching and his word, but keep it holy and gladly hear and learn it.

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*Question concerning addition: "Six days shalt thou labor * * and hallowed it," referred to the general bodies.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

Honor thy father and thy mother, that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not despise our parents and masters, nor provoke them to anger, but honor, serve, obey, love and esteem them.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not kill.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not hurt nor harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and live chaste and pure in words and deeds, each one loving and honoring his spouse.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not steal.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not take our neighbor's money or property, nor get it by false wares or dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and living.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not falsely belie, betray, slander nor defame our neighbor, but excuse him, speak well of him, and make the best of all he does.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not craftily seek to gain our neighbor's inheritance or home, nor get it by a show of right, but help and serve him in keeping it.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is his.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not estrange, force or entice away from our neighbor his wife, servants or cattle, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Q. What does God say of all these commandments?

A. He says: I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments; therefore we should fear his wrath, and do nothing against such commandments. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments; therefore we should love and trust in him, and gladly do according to his commandments.

II. THE CREED.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

THE FIRST ARTICLE.

Of Creation.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. I believe that God has made me, together with all creatures; that he has given and still preserves to me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses; also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and child, land, cattle and all my goods; that he richly and daily provides me with all that I need for this body and life, protects me against all danger, and guards and keeps me from all evil; and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I am in duty bound to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

THE SECOND ARTICLE.

Of Redemption.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and with his innocent sufferings and death; in order that I might be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as he is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

THE THIRD ARTICLE.

Of Sanctification.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; even as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church he daily and richly forgives me and all believers all our sins, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant me and all believers in Christ everlasting life. This is most certainly true.

III. THE LORD'S PRAYER.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

Our Father who art in heaven.

Q. *What is meant by this?*

A. God would hereby tenderly invite us to believe that he is truly our father, and we are truly his children, so that we may ask of him with all cheerfulness and confidence, as dear children of their dear father.

THE FIRST PETITION.

Hallowed be Thy name.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. The name of God is indeed holy in itself; but we pray in this petition that it may be hallowed also among us.

Q. How is this done?

A. When the word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we as the children of God, lead holy lives, in accord-

ance with it; this grant us, dear Father in Heaven! But he that teaches and lives otherwise than the word of God teaches, profanes the name of God among us; from this preserve us, Heavenly Father!

THE SECOND PETITION.

Thy kingdon come.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. The kingdom of God comes indeed of itself, without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may come also to us.

Q. How is this done?

A. When our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy word, and live godly here in time, and in heaven forever.

THE THIRD PETITION.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. The good and gracious will of God is done indeed without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may be done also among us.

Q. How is this done?

A. When God breaks and hinders every evil counsel and purpose, which would not let us hallow God's name nor let his kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world, and our own flesh; but strengthens and keeps us steadfast in his word and in faith unto our end. This is his gracious and good will.

THE FOURTH PETITION.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God gives daily bread indeed without our prayer even to all the wicked; but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to acknowledge and receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Q. What is meant by "daily bread."

A. All that belongs to the wants and support of the body, such as meat, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, order, honor, good friends, trusty neighbors and the like.

THE FIFTH PETITION.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins, nor, on account of them, deny our prayer; for we are not worthy of anything we ask, neither have we deserved it; but that he would grant us all through grace; for we sin much every day, and deserve nothing but punishment. And we on our part will heartily forgive and readily do good to those who sin against us.

THE SIXTH PETITION.

And lead us not into temptation.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God indeed tempts no one, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, that the devil, the world and our flesh may not deceive us, nor lead us into misbelief, despair and other shameful sin and vice; and, though we be thus tempted, that we may still in the end overcome, and have the victory.

THE SEVENTH PETITION.

But deliver us from evil.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We pray in this petition, as the sum of all, that our Father in heaven would deliver us from all manner of evil—in body and soul, property and honor—and at last, when the hour of death shall come, grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this vale of sorrow to himself in heaven.

[For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever.]

AMEN.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. That I am to be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven, and are heard; for he himself has commanded us so to pray, and has promised to hear us. Amen, Amen, that is, Yea, Yea; it shall be so.

IV. THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

I.

Q. What is Baptism?

A. Baptism is not simply water, but it is the water comprehended in God's command, and connected with God's word.

Q. What is that word of God?

A. That which Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost."

II.

Q. What benefits does baptism confer?

A. It works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe what the words and promises of God declare.

Q. Which are those words and promises of God?

A. Those which Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned.

III.

Q How can water do such great things?

A. It is not water indeed that does it, but the word of God, which is in and with the water, and faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the word of God, the water is simply water, and no baptism; but with the word of God, it is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Ghost; as St. Paul says, Titus 3:5–8: "According to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying."

IV.

Q. What does such baptising with water signify?

A. It signifies that the old Adam in us should, by daily sorrow and repentance, be drowned and die, with all sins and evil lusts; and, again, a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity for ever.

Q. Where is this written?

A. St. Paul says, Rom. 6 [:4]: "We are buried with Christ by baptism into death; that like as he was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

HOW PEOPLE SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO CONFESS.

Q. What is confession?

A. Confession embraces two parts: One, that we confess our sins: the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself and in no wise doubt, but firmly believe that through it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Q. What sins should we confess.

A. Before God we should acknowledge ourselves guilty of all sins, even of those which we do not discern; as we do in

the Lord's Prayer. But before the pastor we should confess those sins only which we know and feel in our hearts.

Q. Which are these?

A. Here consider your station in the light of the Ten Commandments: Whether you be a father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant; whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, slothful; whether you have wronged anyone by word or deed; whether you have stolen, neglected, wasted aught, done any harm.

V. THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

Q. What is the Sacrament of the Altar.

A. It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Q. Where is this written?

A. The holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark and Luke, together with St. Paul, write thus:

"Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he break it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take eat; this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me."

"After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, Take and drink ye all of it: this cup is the new testament in my blood which is shed for you, for the remission of sins: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me."

Q. Of what use is such eating and drinking?

A. It is shown us by these words: "Given and shed for you, for the remission of sins"; namely, that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Q. How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

A. It is not the eating and drinking, indeed, that does it, but the words that stand here: "Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins." These words which accompany the bodily eating and drinking, are the chief things in the sacrament; and he that believes these words, has what they declare and mean, namely the forgiveness of sins.

Q. Who then receives this Sacrament worthily?

A. Fasting and bodily preparation are indeed a good outward discipline; but he is truly worthy and well-prepared, who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you, for the

remission of sins." But he who believes not these words, or doubts, is unworthy and unprepared; for the words, FOR YOU, require truly believing hearts.

How the head of the family should teach his household to pray, morning and evening.

MORNING PRAYER.

In the morning, when thou riseth, thou shall sign thyself with the holy cross and say:

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then kneeling or standing, repeat the *Creed* and the *Lord's Prayer.* Then mayest thou also say this prayer:

I GIVE thanks unto Thee, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou has protected me through the night from all danger and harm; and I beseech Thee to preserve and keep me, this day also, from all sin and evil; that in all my thoughts, words and deeds, I may serve and please Thee. Into Thy hands I commend my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning me, that the wicked one have no power over me. *Amen.*

Then after a hymn, or the Ten Commandments, or whatever thy devotion may suggest, go joyfully to thy work.

EVENING PRAYER.

In the evening when thou goest to bed, thou shalt sign thyself with the holy cross and say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then, kneeling or standing, thou shalt say the *Creed* and the *Lord's Prayer.* Then mayest thou say this prayer:

I GIVE thanks unto Thee, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear son, that thou hast this day so graciously protected me, and I beseech Thee to forgive me all my sins, and the wrong which I have done, and by Thy great mercy defend me from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into thy hands I commend my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let thy holy angel have charge concerning me, that the wicked one have no power over me. *Amen.*

Then lie down in peace and sleep.

How the head of the family should teach his household to ask a blessing and return thanks.

GRACE BEFORE MEAT.

The children and servants shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands and say:

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord; and Thou giveth them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfieth the desire of every living thing.

Then shall be said the *Lord's Prayer* and after that this *Prayer*:

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, bless us and these Thy gifts, which we receive from Thy loving kindness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKS AFTER MEAT.

After meat, they shall reverently and with folded hands say:

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. He giveth food to all flesh: He giveth to the beast his food and to the young ravens which cry. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse, he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy,

Then shall be said the *Lord's Prayer* and the following:

We thank Thee, Lord God, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, for all thy benefits; who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

TABLE OF DUTIES: OR, CERTAIN PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE FOR VARIOUS HOLY ORDERS AND ESTATES, WHEREBY THESE ARE SEVERALLY TO BE ADMONISHED OF THEIR OFFICE AND DUTY.

TO BISHOPS, PASTORS AND PREACHERS.

A bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; not a novice. Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince the gainsayers. 1 Tim. 3: 2, 3, 4, 6; Tit. 1:9.

WHAT THE HEARERS OWE TO THEIR PASTORS.

Eat and drink such things as they give; for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Luke 10:7.

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:14.

Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:6, 7.

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine. For

Scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn; and the laborer is worthy of his reward. 1 Tim. 5:17, 18.

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you, in the Lord and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. 1 Thess. 5:12, 13.

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account; that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. Heb. 13:17.

OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same; for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Rom. 13: 1-4,

OF SUBJECTS.

Render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's. Matt. 22: 21.

Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience's sake. For, for this cause pay ye tribute also; for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues; tribute, to whom tribute is due; custom, to whom custom; fear, to whom fear; honor, to whom honor. Rom. 13:5-7.

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour. 1 Tim. 2: 1-3.

Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work. Tit. 3: 1.

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. 1 Pet. 2: 13, 14.

TO HUSBANDS.

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and

as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. And be not bitter against them. 1 Pet. 3:7; Col. 3:19.

TO WIVES.

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. Eph. 5:22.

Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him Lord; whose daughters ye are as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. 1 Pet. 3:5, 6.

TO PARENTS.

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4.

TO CHILDREN.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. Eph. 6:1-3.

TO SERVANTS, HIRED MEN AND LABORERS.

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eye service, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that whatsoever good things any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. Eph. 6:5-8.

TO MASTERS AND MISTRESSES.

And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him. Eph. 6:9.

TO THE YOUNG IN GENERAL.

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. 1 Pet. 5:5, 6.

TO WIDOWS.

Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplication and prayers night and day. But she that liveth in pleasure, is dead while she liveth. 1. Tim. 5:5, 6.

TO ALL IN COMMON.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Herein are comprehended all the commandments. Rom. 13:9. And persevere in prayer for all men. 1 Tim. 2:1.

Let each his lesson learn with care,
And all the household well shall fare.

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The City of Easton, Pa., is situated at the confluence of the Lehigh and Delaware rivers. It has a population of about fifteen thousand, and there are as many more in the adjoining towns of South Easton, Pa., and Phillipsburg, N. J. In these communities there are nine Lutheran Churches—English and German—of which the oldest is St. John's, Easton. Organized in 1740 as a German Church, St. John's became entirely English, when, in 1872, Zion's German Church was established. St. John's owns a venerable Church building, on Ferry street, near Fourth. It has also a model Sunday-school building, or chapel. It is the strongest Lutheran parish in the city. Half a block away is Christ Church, and at Eleventh and Ferry, St. Luke's, both English churches.

These congregations, in conjunction with St. Paul's, South Easton, and Grace and St. John's, Phillipsburg, N. J., united in entertaining the General Council. They are all connected with the Allentown Conference of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The lower Lehigh Valley, with its rich agricultural counties and numerous manufacturing cities, such as Bethlehem, Allentown and Catasauqua, is a Lutheran stronghold.

MINUTES.

OPENING SERVICE.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Easton, Pa.,
Wednesday, October 9, A. D. 1895.

The Twenty-fifth Convention of "The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America" was held in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Easton, Pa., Rev. J. A. Whitteker acting pastor, commencing at 10 A. M., Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1895.

The opening service was conducted by the First Vice-President, Dr. T. L. Seip, assisted by Rev. W. K. Frick, of the English Synod of the Northwest, and consisted of the Order for Public Confession, followed by the Order of Morning Service, commencing with the Introit. The sermon was preached by Dr. Henry E. Jacobs, Dean of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary, on Rom. i, 14-18,

"An Aggressive Christianity."

The Holy Communion was then administered to the members of the Council and visiting brethren.

FIRST SESSION.

St. John's Chapel,
Wednesday, October 9, 2:30 P. M.

The first Business Session was opened, in the absence of the President, Rev. Prof. C. A. Swensson, by the First Vice-President, Dr. T. L. Seip, according to the Order for the Opening of Synods.

The roll of Synods was called, and the delegates presented their credentials as follows:

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Tilghman H. Diehl.
Hon. Cyrus R. Lantz.
Amos W. Potteiger.
Chas. P. Ulrich, Esq.
George H. Reinoehl.
James G. Finley.
Prof. Daniel S. Boyer.
Daniel W. Moser.
John B. Zimmele.
Prof. Robert K. Buehrle, Ph. D.
George K. Moser.
George H. Moller.
D. D. Fritch, M. D.
Oswin H. Henry.

II. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries.

CLERICAL.

Rev. George C. F. Haas, *ex-officio*.
" John J. Heischmann, D. D.
" Prof. John Nicum, D. D.
" Edward F. Moldehnke, Ph. D., D. D.

Rev. John A. Dewald.
" John C. J. Petersen.
" Gottlieb C. Berkemeier.
" Jacob W. Loch.
" John A. W. Haas.
" John Brezing.
" Christian G. Fischer.
" Daniel W. Peterson.
" Frederick A. Kaehler.
" Gustavus A. Bierdemann.
" Hugo W. Hoffman.

LAY.

Bernhard F. Nutzhorn.
George Happ.
Marx Wintjen.
John A. Prigge.
Fred. Kracke.
John Sutter.
John W. Salzmann.
Charles Conrad.
John J. Levin, M. D.
George Moller.

III. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

CLERICAL.

Rev. Jacob C. Kunzman, *ex-officio*.
" Edmund Belfour, D. D.
" A. L. Yount, D. D.
" David H. Geissinger.
" Henry W. Roth, D. D.
" Alfred Ramsey.
" Duncan M. Kemerer.
" John G. Reinartz.
" Philip Doerr.
" F. W. E. Peschau, D. D.
" R. G. Rosenbaum.

LAY.

J. B. Kaercher.
J. Boyd Duff, Esq.
Prof. William M. Swingle.
S. L. Newmeyer.

IV. Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio.

CLERICAL.

Rev. Albert F. Siebert, *ex-officio*.
" George W. Mechling.
" Hiram Peters.

LAY.

Christian Becker.
John J. Weimer.
Alfred Ridenour.

V. Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod.

CLERICAL.

Rev. Prof. Olof Olsson, D. D.
" Lawrence A. Johnston, D. D.
" M. C. Ranseen.
" John Telleen.
" George E. Youngdahl.
" Theodore Kjellgren.
" Carl A. Blomgren, Ph. D.
" Gustaf Nelsenius.
" Julius Lincoln.
" A. J. Enstam.
" Goeran E. Forsberg.
" Prof. Lars H. Beck, Ph. D.

LAY.

Prof. A. W. Williamson, Ph. D.
" Philip A. Andreen.
" Alfred Holmes.

VI. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

CLERICAL.

Rev. Albert R. Schulz, *ex-officio.*

VII. Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

CLERICAL.

Rev. Prof. Wm. A. Sadtler, Ph. D., *ex-officio.*
" Martin L. Wagner.

LAY.

D. J. Miller.

*VIII. English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

CLERICAL.

Rev. Prof. Wm. K. Frick, *ex-officio.*

LAY.

Charles A. Smith.

Delegates present: 65 Clerical, 40 Lay; total, 105.

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*See President's Report for statement concerning Texas Synod.

WITH PRIVILEGE OF DEBATE.

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa.

(No delegate present.)

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

From the General Synod.

Rev. Samuel W. Owen, D. D., Hagerstown, Md.

From the United Norwegian Church.

Rev. Prof. Emil G. Lund, Minneapolis, Minn.

NAMES OF VISITING CLERGYMEN IN THE UNITY OF THE FAITH WITH THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

William J. Andres.
Benj. F. Apple.
Prof. J. A. Bauman, Ph. D.
James L. Becker.
F. Berkemeyer.
U. S. G. Bertolet.
R. C. G. Bielinski.
Ernest R. Cassaday.
Prof. Albert T. Clay, Ph. D.
John T. Cressman.
Jesse S. Erb.
Asapha E. Erdman.
Prof. Henry N. Fegley.
Josiah B. Fox.
David L. Fogleman.
S. A. K. Francis.
Frank F. Fry.
Ernest M. Grahn.
S. L. Harkey, D. D.
Theo. Heilig.
Charles H. Hemsath.
Charles J. Hirzel.
Fried. Holter.
W. Hoppe.
F. K. Huntzinger.
Wm. D. C. Keiter.
Paul J. Klingler.
Hiram J. Kuder.
John H. Kuder.
John A. Kunkelman, D. D.
Geo. G. Kunkle.
Jacob W. Lazarus.
Robert B. Lynch.
Jos. W. Mayne.
A. M. Mehrkam.
Asher P. Pflueger.
Oscar E. Pflueger.
J. G. Pfuhl.
Myron O. Rath.
J. C. Rausch.
J. S. Renninger.
Edward F. Ritter.
Jer. H. Ritter.
William E. Roney.
Charles E. Sandt.
Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer.
John A. Scheffer.
George M. Scheidy.
William F. Schoener.
Frank M. Seip.
R. R. Morris Smith.
Henry B. Strodach.
Joseph Stump.
J. H. Umbenhen.
Jacob Q. Upp.
O. F. Waage.
J. H. Waidelich.
A. C. Wuchter.

In the absence of the President, Rev. Prof. Carl A. Swensson, the English Recording Secretary, Rev. George W. Mechling, read the

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The Church of Christ must always on earth remain a

Church Militant.

Its very existence is ever threatened by a multitude of foes, attacking it upon every side. It must battle in earnest for every success; it must fight with determination for its continued and increasing life. But particular times have their special troubles and burdens. The years of financial revolutions, of downtrodden hopes, of unexpected reverses, through which our country has passed since the meeting of the General Council at Fort Wayne, have been very trying to every interest in our Church. Our Colleges and Seminaries, our Institutions of Mercy, and our Home Missions have experienced

Difficulties

not soon to be forgotten. Empty treasuries, heavy burdens of indebtedness, and a feeling of general discouragement have thrown their cloudy, disheartening shadows across the face of a threatening to-morrow. Even in the old, well established fields the life of spiritual activity is depressed and the contributions for the general purposes of the Church are entirely inadequate. A feeling that expenses should be decreased, even at the sacrifice of efficiency, is pleading for admission in many places. The affairs of the Church, its needs and prospects, are in danger of neglect. The hard times have weighed more heavily because of spiritual drowsiness and lethargy, which are the more dangerous, and full of terrible consequences, owing to the unwillingness of many to look at present conditions among us in the true light. There seems to be a daybreak near at hand, however. By this I do not refer primarily to the improved financial condition in our country, gaining ground continually, but to the beginnings at least of a

Clearer Conception Among Our People of Their Duty

to themselves, their God and His Church. In times of need and of great difficulties God Himself raises up friends and supporters of His work, willing and able to carry it on, not so much by fair

words and airy promises, but in fact and in deed. I look upon the growing interest in Confessional Lutheranism and Liturgical forms of Worship as very encouraging. The uprising of our young people and their organization into

Luther Leagues,

founded upon the unaltered Augsburg Confession and conducted along conservative lines, give much food for reflection and are a great cause of joy. The increased contributions for the Foreign Field is another hopeful sign; and our continual growth in numbers and experience cannot be looked upon lightly.

And yet it seems that the Lutheran Church of America needs to-day more than any other one thing a general, deep-going and sincere

Spiritual Awakening,

a time of spiritual refreshing and increased vitality, of a more sincere confession of sin, of a deeper contemplation of God's love, and a fuller and more real acceptance of Christ by faith as our only Savior. Fanatic revivalism and dead formalism are the extremes, equally dangerous. Between the two lies that greatest of all jewels: true, Evangelical and Lutheran spirituality. May we never forget the necessity of having pure doctrine on the one hand and a real, spiritual life by faith in Christ, and in daily, prayerful communion with Him, on the other hand. The ship of the Church will always move in the sameness of the circle, if the one or the other is lacking.

I fear that our Church needs also to feel more than hitherto the

Importance of Giving,

and of giving liberally, according as we have received. We have individuals, contributing liberally and continually, and there are churches doing the same, but there are altogether too many individuals and churches in every Synod belonging to the General Council whose love to the Master is unutterably small and insignificant, should it be measured by their contributions. Parsimony in supplying the needs of the Lord's work in the world is one of the besetting sins of entire districts, especially in the country and villages. It seems that many pastors are either unwilling or afraid of preaching the full Bible truth on this subject, and many Church Boards are glad to pass the commandment of liberal giving in silence. What are the results? Weak-

ness, embarrassment and innumerable, hurtful delays. It is a humiliating fact that so few wealthy Lutherans are giving according to their means to the Institutions of the Church in the form of permanent endowments, etc. I hope for

A Brighter Day

in the future, however, in all of these matters. With a proper subdivision of our large pastorates, with more spirituality among our members, more of true Church discipline, more of general information in regard to the work, and ever-improving, practical and systematic methods, we will live to see the proper increase in the revenues of our Church Institutions and General Boards.

Next to the preaching of the Gospel in its purity comes in importance the question of the Christian bringing-up and

Education

of the children and the youth of our Church. Let it never be said that Lutherans are lukewarm or disloyal on a question so momentous in its consequences. The truly educated men and women are, or should be, the leaders of the nation, and it is the plain and imperative duty of the Church to provide with unstinted liberality suitable and adequate means of instruction and culture for its children, ever mindful of its glorious mission to be the educator of nations.

God be praised for the blessings and the success already bestowed upon our beloved Lutheran Church in this country. Comparing conditions among us with those existing in other denominations, there are ample reasons for rejoicing and gratitude. What we hope and pray for to-day is, then, more of the fullness of Him that filleth all things. The Church can never be satisfied with anything less than a complete and final victory. In order

To Reach so Inspiring a Consummation

there should be a willing sacrifice of self, more unity in action and a better understanding of the great questions upon which we stand united as one man. Indifference to the welfare of the whole, and to revealed and confessed truth, with an obstinate refusal to recognize the common rights and privileges of all members in the family, must always bring disaster and ruin, from which God in His mercy will deliver us.

I have received from the officers the official announcement

of the withdrawal of the Texas Synod from the membership of the General Council.

The Icelandic Synod

has requested information in regard to the necessary steps to be taken for obtaining membership in the General Council. A petition from Rev. Siegfried Siesker, Parkersburg, Iowa, to be received as a member of the General Council, has been received. My reply to him stated that he could gain such membership only by uniting with a Synod belonging to the General Council. Some disagreements between the Canada Synod and the German Home Mission Board* were referred to me by the Canada Synod. I counseled an amicable settlement, and I have received official information that resolutions in question have been rescinded by the Canada Synod at its Convention this summer. A document requesting information in regard to the rules of the Church as to candidates at the election of a pastor in a Church, was referred to Rev. Dr. Spaeth for reply.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all in your deliberations, that the interests of our Lutheran Church may be greatly advanced, to the glory of God and the salvation of men. Amen.

Bethany College, Lindsborg, Ks., Oct. 5, 1895.

CARL A. SWENSSON.

The report was received and referred to the appropriate committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President appointed as tellers: For President and Treasurer, Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, Rev. C. G. Fischer, and Mr. J. J. Weimer; for the Recording Secretaries, Rev. D. M. Kemerer, Rev. J. Telleen, and Mr. J. A. Prigge; and for the Corresponding Secretaries, Rev. L. A. Johnston, Rev. G. A. Bierdemann, and Mr. A. G. Saeger.

After several ballots the tellers reported the following officers as elected:

President—REV. DR. EDWARD F. MOLDEHNKE, New York.

English Recording Secretary—REV. WILLIAM K. FRICK, Milwaukee, Wis.

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* Resulting from resolutions passed by the former at its Convention in 1894.—Footnote by Committee on President's Report.

German Recording Secretary — Rev. Dr. John Nicum, Rochester, N. Y.

Swedish Recording Secretary—Rev. Prof. Lars H. Beck, Brooklyn, N. Y.

English Corresponding Secretary — Rev. Dr. Henry E. Jacobs, Philadelphia, Pa.

German Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Alexander Richter, Hoboken, N. J.

Swedish Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Carl A. Blomgren, Ph. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer—William H. Staake, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.

(The Presidents of the several Synods, excepting that from which the President is chosen, are ex-officio the Vice-Presidents of the General Council.)

BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS.

The hours of the Business Session were fixed at 9 A. M. to 12 M., and 2 to 5 P. M.

On motion of Dr. F. J. F. Schantz:

Resolved, That the first ten rows of pews constitute the Bar of the house.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Dr. M. H. Richards, chairman of the Committee on Sunday-school Work, called up the Special Order of the day (see Minutes of 1893, page 92), namely, the Plan for a Graded Course of Instruction, submitted at Minneapolis, 1888. It was ordered to be printed separately for consideration as the first order tomorrow morning.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was made the Special Order for Thursday afternoon, and the report of the Committee on Sunday-school Work the Special Order for Friday morning.

Prayer by Dr. F. J. F. Schantz. Adjourned.

SECOND SESSION.

Thursday, October 10, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. John Telleen, Superintendent of Foreign Missions; hymn 536, John xvii. Prayer.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ACADEMIC TITLES.

On motion of Dr. H. E. Jacobs:

Resolved, That except in the roll, all academic titles be omitted from the Minutes.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

On motion of Dr. J. A. Seiss, the question of Fraternal Correspondence between the General Council and the General Synod was taken up, and the action of the General Synod* in the appointment of Rev. S. W. Owen, D. D., of Hagerstown, Md., as Fraternal Delegate of the General Synod to the General Council, was read.

Dr. Henry E. Jacobs, chairman, read the report of the General Council's Committee on Conference with the General Synod. It was considered by items.

The certificate of Dr. Owen was presented, and on motion of Dr. J. A. Seiss it was

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Owen, accredited as Fraternal Representative of the General Synod, be invited to the privileges of the floor of the General Council during the consideration of the subject of the report of the Joint Committee on Fraternal Relations.

VISITOR FROM THE UNITED NORWEGIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Prof. Emil G. Lund, of Minneapolis, Minn., was then introduced to the General Council as the Official Visitor from the United Norwegian Lutheran Church, to convey the fraternal greetings of his Synod. He addressed the Council.

President Moldehnke made a fitting response. It was

Resolved, That the privileges of the floor be granted to Rev. Prof. E. G. Lund, Visitor from the United Norwegian Lutheran Church.

The Council then resumed the consideration of the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD.

(See the Report in Thursday afternoon's Minutes.)

The preliminary statement and Resolutions 1 and 2 were adopted. Resolution 3 being under consideration, Dr. A. Spaeth

*"Resolved, That a Fraternal Delegate be appointed to present the Christian greetings and salutations of this body to the next Convention of the General Council, provided they will agree to an exchange of delegates."—Minutes of General Synod, 1895, page 55.

submitted an amendment, which, with the resolution, was referred to a special committee of three (Dr. J. A. Seiss, Dr. A. Spaeth, and J. B. Duff, Esq.) to report this afternoon at the close of the Special Order.

VISITOR TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

On motion of Rev. J. C. Kunzman it was

Resolved, That a visitor to the General Synod be appointed.

The time of adjournment was extended five minutes.

It was

Resolved, That the Special Order of the afternoon be deferred until the Fraternal Representative of the General Synod has been heard.

The delegations of Synods whose representatives on the Committee on the Reorganization of the Home Mission Work are not present were instructed to fill the vacancy.

Prayer by Rev. A. R. Schulz. Adjourned.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 10, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. Jacob C. Kunzman, President of the Pittsburgh Synod.

The President appointed the following

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

I. On the President's Report—Revs. D. H. Geissinger, M. C. Horine, J. A. Dewald, G. Nelsenius, A. F. Siebert and Prof. W. A. Sadtler, and Mr. C. A. Smith, Prof. R. K. Buehrle, and Prof. W. M. Swingle.

II. On the Minutes of the Last Convention—Revs. John A. W. Haas, S. E. Ochsenford and Alfred Ramsey, Prof. A. W. Williamson and Messrs. A. C. Saeger and John J. Weimer.

III. On the Minutes of District Synods—Revs. M. L. Wagner, John J. Heischmann, F. W. E. Peschau and Theo. L. Schmauk, and Messrs. A. W. Potteiger, Fred Kracke and Prof. Alfred Holmes.

IV. On the Nomination of the Boards—Revs. Prof. M. H. Richards, A. R. Schulz, Edmund Belfour, J. C. J. Petersen, G. W. Mechling and M. C. Ranseen and Messrs. T. H. Diehl, John Sutter, and D. J. Miller.

VISIT TO LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Rev. J. E. Whitteker announced that President Warfield, of

Lafayette College, had extended an invitation to the Council to visit the College on Saturday afternoon. The invitation was heartily accepted.

GREETINGS FROM THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Rev. Dr. S. W. Owen, the Fraternal Representative of the General Synod, then delivered the greetings of his body, which were fittingly responded to by President Moldehnke.

The Special Committee appointed at the Morning Session reported, and after further consideration of the matter, the original report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the General Synod and of any other Lutheran Bodies appointed in response to the Overtures of the General Synod concerning Practical Co-operation, respectfully presents the following report:

A Conference was held with the Committee of the General Synod in Philadelphia, January 18, 1894.

The committees having been instructed that their duties were of a purely conferential character, and that the Conference was not to be interpreted as compromising or changing the doctrinal position of either Body represented, and your committee having been charged to proceed strictly according to the Fundamental Principles of Faith and Church Polity of the General Council, the deliberations of the Joint Committee were occupied with the consideration of what could be done under such restrictions.

Your committee urged the necessity of a candid review of the doctrinal position of each Body as a prerequisite for any thorough and satisfactory scheme of co-operation, but recognized the fact that such review could not be made at the Conference. Before proceeding to action, they stated, however, what they regarded the real grounds of difference, and the terms upon which the Conference was possible. The General Synod, our committee declared, recognized the General Council as a Lutheran Body, by its invitation for co-operation. The General Council, in accepting the invitation and binding its representatives to the Fundamental Principles of Faith and

Church Polity, regarded the General Synod's basis properly interpreted as not inconsistent with these Principles, but held that the Principles of the Council are necessary for the proper guardianship and defense of the doctrines of the Augsburg Confession, which the General Synod's basis professes to maintain.

The question, therefore, which the Conference of Committees had to consider was as to what could be done, until it would be possible for the representatives of the two Bodies to discuss the question of their alleged doctrinal differences calmly, dispassionately, in the fear of God, and with sole regard to the truth of His word.

Resolutions offered by the chairman of the Committee from the General Synod, with one amendment, were unanimously recommended to the consideration of the General Bodies.

Attention, however, was called by your committee to the fact that, in accordance with the practice in the General Council, much of what is comprehended in the propositions belong to the Synodical organizations rather than to the General Council.

The resolutions are as follows:

1. Resolved, That recognizing the terms of our appointment, the committee are not competent to enter upon the discussion of alleged differences between the doctrinal basis of the General Synod and General Council.

2. Resolved, That this assented to, we are ready hopefully to consider the following lines of co-operation between the great Lutheran Bodies here represented, and therefore,

3. Resolved, That on the subject of Home Missions we hereby most respectfully recommend to our respective General Bodies for their adoption the policy that wherever one Body of the Lutheran Church, hereunto consenting, is in occupation of a field, and is shown to be in a reasonable measure able to care for our Lutheran material therein, the other or others shall respect such occupation, and abstain from any attempt to plant an additional congregation to operate in the same language; and that in case of any disagreement the Home Mission Boards or Committees of the Bodies concerned shall amicably adjust such differences.

4. Resolved, On the subject of Foreign Missions, that, recognizing the intimate relations already existing between the missionaries of the different Bodies of the Lutheran Church, where laboring in adjoining foreign fields, we encourage them to promote the upbuilding of the one, undivided Lutheran Church in their Christianizing efforts.

5. Resolved, That we deprecate a bitter controversial spirit wherever found in matters of Religion, and that we heartily disap-

prove of any appearance of it in our Church Journals, and that we affectionately and sincerely counsel all who write for and those who control our Lutheran papers to abstain from publishing anything that will tend to foster the spirit of partisan division among the brethren of our Lutheran household, and that we counsel them to seek to exalt those things only and especially, which, consistently with our testimony for the purity of our Lutheran faith, will promote the peace and the unity of our great and beloved Lutheran Church.

6. Resolved, That when these lines of co-operation, or any number of them, shall have been agreed upon* by two or more Lutheran Bodies, such action shall be held as a sacred compact between the parties consenting thereto, and that we hereby invoke upon this movement for the practical unification of our glorious Church the blessing of Almighty God.

7. Resolved, That the above action is not to be interpreted as to imply a compromise or surrender of the Bodies represented concerning any point of their doctrinal positions.

In offering these resolutions, your Committee suggests that, in case the general plan here proposed meets with approval, we ask:

(a). That where any General Body have congregations, whatever be the language, the establishment of a congregation of another General Body within the territory be not undertaken, unless the Board of Missions of the Body occupying the territory, and the officers of the Synod on the field be first consulted.

(b) That a Committee of Arbitration representing the Bodies that enter into the compact, be constituted, who shall consider all cases where agreement have not been otherwise obtained, and whose decision shall be final.

(c) That these propositions be referred to the Synods of the Council for their adoption.

(d). That this Council heartily approves and recommends the holding of a General Conference within the year 1896, whereby, in an unofficial way, there may be a reading of papers and a comparison of views by members, if possible, of all our General Bodies, and larger independent Synods, on the various doctrinal, liturgical, educational and missionary interests (including that of Deaconesses) in which all are alike engaged.

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*Action of the General Synod (Minutes, 1895, page 79):

"1. Resolved, That the basis of co-operation agreed upon by the Joint Committee of the two Synods named, and any others consenting thereto, be and is hereby adopted by the General Synod.

"2. Resolved, That when official notice of such adoption shall have been exchanged between the Synods in question, this Body shall regard this compact as completed and to be sacredly adhered to by the parties concerned.

"3. Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to God for this and all other indications that He is blessing our efforts to bring into closer accord and better practical relations the different members of our great Lutheran family."

(e) That the Visitors appointed to this Body from the General Synod, the United Synod of the South, and the United Norwegian Synod be requested to act with a representative appointed by this Body to carry this plan into effect.

HENRY E. JACOBS.
J. C. KUNZMAN.
GEO. C. F. HAAS.
S. A. REPASS.

To this the following was, on motion of Dr. H. E. Jacobs, added:

Nor shall any established congregation be hindered by this agreement from changing the language of its worship, or from establishing a mission in another language within its own parish.

Under the above resolutions, Dr. H. E. Jacobs was appointed as the representative of the General Council to arrange for the proposed General Conference in 1896.

The following communication from

THE UNITED SYNOD IN THE SOUTH

was read and ordered to be spread on the Minutes:

CONCORD, N. C., October 4, 1895.

Rev. Carl A. Swensson, Ph.D., President General Council, Lindsborg, Kas.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

I herewith send you a copy of the action taken by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, which convened in Staunton, Va., on the 18th of September, ultimo, with reference to the Overtures for Practical Co-operation, which have also been acted on by your body. Yours sincerely,

M. G. G. SCHERER,
Secretary United Synod.

COPY OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH ON OVERTURES FOR PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION, ETC.

Resolved, 1. That we express our great joy in this action of the General Synod and General Council, and adopt the Basis for Co-operation given above.

Resolved, 2. That if a similar Conference should be called at any time between this Convention and the next Convention of the United Synod, the President is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of three, of whom he shall be a member and the chairman, to represent this Synod in such Conference, who shall then report to our next Convention.

(See further action in Friday morning's Minutes.)

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE CONTINUED.

On motion of Dr. J. A. Seiss:

Resolved, That the Committee of Conference be continued under the provisions of their original appointment. (See Minutes of 1893, page 89, and List of Committees at the close of these Minutes.)

Also

Resolved, That the English Corresponding Secretary communicate the action of the General Council to the General Synod and the United Synod South.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer. It was followed by an address by Rev. John Telleen, Superintendent of Foreign Missions.

The report was adopted and is printed as a Supplement, following the Index.

It was

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Council are hereby given to the editors of the "Missionsbote" and "The Foreign Missionary," and the Treasurer of the Board for faithful and gratuitous service.

Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, Secretary, read the

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD.

Your Board of Publication would herewith respectfully present the following report:

At the first meeting after your last Convention, officers of the Board were elected as follows: President, Rev. H. Peters; Secretary, Rev. F. W. Weiskotten; Treasurer, Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph. D. Rev. Jno. K. Plitt (No. 48 N 36th street, Philadelphia, Pa.,) was continued as Agent.

On December 12, 1893, Rev. H. Peters, having accepted a call to Toledo, Ohio, resigned the presidency. Sincerely regretting the necessity for so doing, the Board accepted the resignation.

Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer was elected to the vacancy.

With a few exceptions, monthly meetings of the Board were held.

Of the "Mission Edition" of the Church Book, which you ordered at Fort Wayne, 2,000 copies were printed, and nearly

disposed of, so that a second edition has become necessary, which is now in press.

As this edition is intended only for "Missions," the Board found it advisable to adopt and to publish the following:

Resolved, That "Missions" entitled to the Mission Edition of the Church Book, be defined as such congregations as are recognized as Missions, and receive aid from the General Council's Mission Board, or from Synods belonging to the General Council, and who present a certificate to that effect from the proper Mission authorities; and to such Missions as are vouched for as properly entitled to this concession by any Missionary Superintendent, or Missionary President within the bounds of the General Council.

In the month of March, 1894, a request reached us that the first 264 pages of the Church Book, containing the "Common Service," be published separately. After consulting the chairman of the Church Book Committee, the English Editorial Committee and the worthy President of the General Council, all of whom thought it well to grant the request, the "Common Service" was issued and placed on sale.

Frequent complaints concerning the binding of the German Church Book, with other reasons, induced the Board to transfer the binding thereof to another firm, in the hope of securing better and more durable work.

The General Council has accorded the Iowa Synod the privilege of obtaining the German Church Book, both 12mo and 24mo, at cost, for the purpose of enabling its agent to supply its congregations, ordering from him, with the book; and of securing all profits on orders received by the agent from its congregations to said Synod's treasury.

Your Board has discovered that the agent of the Iowa Synod has used this privilege (the authorities of said Synod maintain that it was done innocently), in a manner causing a loss to the General Council of some hundreds of dollars. We are still in correspondence with said authorities in reference to their payment to us for losses incurred.

In order to avoid anything of the kind in future, your Board respectfully submits the following for adoption:

Resolved, 1. That our Publication Board continue to supply the agent of the Iowa Synod with the "Kirchenbuch," both 12mo and 24-mo, at cost.

Resolved, 2. That this is allowed by the General Council with the understanding, that the said agent use these books, not for the

purpose of supplying the trade, but of filling orders received by him from pastors and congregations, or congregational agents within the Synod of Iowa.

Resolved, 3. That the General Council continues to reserve to itself the right, as heretofore, to supply the trade with this, as well as with all its books, German and English, through its own Publication Board.

The "Constitution, By-Laws and Charter of the General Council," submitted by your Committee on the same, has recently been issued in both the German and the English language.

We also printed for the use of the Church Book Committee, "Additional Hymns Proposed for the Sunday-school Book."

At your last Convention you empowered this Board to establish a General Headquarters for the Boards and Agencies of the General Council located in Philadelphia, whenever in its judgment it may seem prudent and to our interest so to do.

The matter has at various times engaged the serious attention of your Board. No definite action has been taken, although our conviction has increased, that sooner or later it will become necessary to move in this direction.

It is a source of gratification to your Board to report that we have been able to transfer to your Treasurer for Missions, Home and Foreign, a surplus from the sales made amounting to the sum of eight thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted, by authority of the Board.

F. W. Weiskotten, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

(From October 1, 1893, to October 1, 1895.)

RECEIPTS.

Balance October 1, 1893	$260 94
From sales of books	21,818 68
" Interest on Bank balance	89 08
Total	$22,168 70

EXPENDITURES.

For Paper	$2,934 02	
" Printing	1,642 25	
" Binding	7,519 88	
" Stereotyping	5 90	

For Salary and expenses of Agent	$454 70	
" Expenses of Church Book Committee	112 67	
" Insurance on stock	76 40	
" Advertising	26 70	
" Miscellaneous	81 43	
Paid over to Treasurer of General Council	8,000 00	
		$20,853 95
Balance October 1, 1895		1,314 75
		$22,168 70

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL P. SADTLER, Treasurer.

Account audited and approved.

JAMES G. FINLEY,
ERNEST R. CASSADAY,
Committee.

The first and second items were adopted. (The consideration of the report was resumed on Monday morning.)

Prayer by Rev. J. Brezing, of Buffalo, N. Y. Adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 11, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. K. Frick, President of the English Synod of the Northwest; Hymn 11, Rom. v, 1-11; prayer.

The roll was called, and the Minutes were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Wm. H. Staake, Esq., Treasurer, presented his report. The General Expense Fund was referred to an Auditing Committee, whose report is thereto appended.

Account of William H. Staake, Treasurer.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

1893–1895.

1893.	*Dr.*	
Balance from last audit		$ 846 20
1894.		
April 12. To Cash—Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Treasurer of Publication Committee English publications..		2,000 00

1895.					
April 11.	To Cash—Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Treasurer:				
		English publications		$2,000 00	
		German publications		1,000 00	
					$3,000 00
Sept. 20.	" "	Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Treasurer, balance proceeds English publications		$1,571 56	
	" "	Balance proceeds German publications		1,428 44	
					3,000 00
					$8,846 20
1893.		*Cr.*			
Oct. 10.	By Cash—Wm. H. Freund, services as sexton				$10 00
Oct. 10.	" "	Rev. Jno. Nicum, expenses, expressage, etc			25 70
1894.					
Jan. 15.	" "	Rev. G. W. Mechling, Eng. Rec. Secretary, expressage on Protocol. Extra copies of Minutes to Fort Wayne	$	1 50	
	" "	Postage on 1425 copies of Minutes		42 75	
		Expenses packing, mailing, etc...		10 00	
					54 25
Jan. 15.	" "	Craig, Finley & Co., Comp. and printing 2500 Missionary reports, etc			69 13
Jan. 15.	" "	Rev. S. Wagenhals, paid by him for reporting proceedings of General Council in October, 1893			15 00
Jan. 15.	" "	Thos. Wetzler, Lancaster, O., for printing 1500 Minutes of Twenty-fourth Convention	$	197 60	
		200 Reports		12 00	
					209 60
Jan. 15.	" "	Lizzie Mechling Bolenbaugh, recording Minutes in Protocol			25 00
April 16.	" "	E. Aug. Miller, Treasurer Eng. Home Mission Committee, two-thirds net proceeds English publications, of $2,000			1,333 33
		Transferred to Foreign Mission Fund, one-third net proceeds of English publications			666 67
April 30.	" "	Rev. J. Nicum, postage, translating Reports, etc			15 06
May 29.	" "	Germania Printing House, printing German Minutes			197 38
1895.					
April 11.	By Cash—E. Aug. Miller, Treasurer Eng. Home Mission Committee, two-thirds net proceeds English publications, of $2,000			$	1,333 33

April 11.	By Cash—Transferred to Foreign Mission Fund, one-third net proceeds English publications			$666 67
April 11.	"	"	Rev. J. J. Kuendig, Treasurer German Home Mission Committee, two-thirds net proceeds German publications, of $1,000	666 67
			Transferred to Foreign Mission Fund one-third net proceeds German publications	333 33
Oct. 2.	"	"	E. Aug. Miller, Treasurer, balance of proceeds of English publications	1,047 70
	"	"	Transferred to Foreign Mission Fund	523 85
	"	"	Rev. J. J. Kuendig, Treasurer, balance proceeds of German publications	952 30
	"	"	Transferred to Foreign Mission Fund	476 15
				$ 8,621 12
			Balance	225 08
				$ 8,846 20

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Dr.

To Cash—Rev. Grahn, Agent of the Committee and others, as acknowledged in "Missionsbote" and "Foreign Missionary"				$34,264 14
"	"	Balance from last year		3,634 67
"	"	Transferred from General Expense Fund:		
		Proceeds of German publications		809 48
		" " English "		1,857 19
"	"	Interest from bank		318 13
				$40,883 61

Cr.

The Treasurer craves allowance for the following disbursements:

By Cash—Rev. John Telleen, Salary						$ 3,450 00
"	"	"	"	"	Traveling expenses	830 36
"	"	"	"	"	63,000 Mission envelopes	240 00
"	"	"	"	"	3,000 Circulars and 1,500 Mission boxes	72 47
"	"	Rev. John Telleen, 100,000 Mission boxes				250 00
"	"	Rev. H. E. Isaacson, two tickets to Antwerp				76 00
"	"	Rev. H. E. Isaacson, Traveling expenses, self and wife to India				900 00
"	"	Rev. H. E. Isaacson, Salary				1,386 15
"	"	Rev. Hugo Grahn				425 00
"	"	"	"	"	Expenses	21 59
"	"	Rev. E. Pohl, Traveling expenses of Revs. Schmidt and Edman				1,200 00

By Cash—	Rev. E. Pohl, Mission House at Tallapudi		$300 00
" "	For boats and Seminary building		1,500 00
" "	Rev. E. Pohl, General expenses		9,300 00
" "	Rev. E. Pohl, Salary		1,794 90
" "	" " Traveling expenses		42 31
" "	Rev. R. Arps, Salary		1,428 20
" "	" " Traveling expenses		17 50
" "	" " for Church bell		62 00
" "	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, General expenses		1,300 00
" "	" " " Traveling expenses in Europe and America		390 00
" "	Traveling expenses of four persons from Genoa, Italy		1,000 00
" "	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, Salary		706 50
" "	Rev. V. Gœtch for Rev. Schmidt's child		350 00
" "	Rev. E. Edman, Salary		1,138 19
" "	" " Rent		96 00
" "	" " Traveling expenses		18 69
" "	Miss Agnes Schade, Salary		1,000 00
" "	Miss Kate Sadtler, Salary		625 00
" "	" " " Amount received from B. Sadtler on February 9, 1895		350 00
" "	Rev. C. F. Kuder, Salary		1,333 75
" "	Rev. J. H. Kuder, on Rev. Kuder's account		200 00
" "	Rev. John Fritz, for Syrian Orphanage at Jerusalem.		4 50
" "	Rev. H. W. Seibert, same		11 55
" "	Rev. L. H. Gerndt, for Gossner Mission		11 50
" "	" " " " Epileptic Hospital at Lohardagge, India		5 00
" "	Rev. Paul Bæhnisch, Salary		1,033 34
" "	" " " Subscription to "Kirchenblatt"		2 25
" "	Rev. F. J. McCready, Salary		2,213 38
" "	Rev. C. J. Edman, on Rev. E. Edman's account		37 50
" "	Rev. Herman Grell, on Rev. Bæhnisch's account		90 00
" "	Rev. Kuendig, Wenz' legacy		100 00
" "	Rev. J. A. Waters, on Rev. McCready's account		250 00
" "	Rev. E. E. Sibole, Expenses		10 00
" "	Peterson, Thulen & Co., on Dr. Edman's account		70 00
" "	Rev. A. Bartels, Subscription to "Kirchenblatt" for Paul Bæhnisch		2 25
" "	Hammond Typewriter Co., Typewriter and materials for Telugu Mission		74 07
" "	Mrs. R. Pohl, on Rev. E. Pohl's account		6 60
" "	German-American Title Co., premium for surety in Kinsey estate		10 00
" "	Ladies' Home Journal, on Rev. McCready's account.		2 96
" "	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, lace sent by Mrs. Schmidt		107 47
" "	First National Bank of Allentown, on Rev. Kuder's account		90 00

By Cash—	Frau Pastor Reuss		$20 00
" "	Buchhändler, on Rev. R. Arp's account		20 00
" "	Rev. J. E. Norden, on Rev. Isaacson's account		7 25
" "	A. O. Isaacson, on Rev. Isaacson's account		30 00
" "	Miss Lottie Swenson, outfit and traveling expenses		150 00
" "	" " " Salary		125 00
" "	Rev. W. Berkemeier, four tickets to Genoa, Italy (Revs. Schmidt and Swenson)		308 00
" "	Rev. A. Johnson, on Rev. Isaacson's account		5 00
" "	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, carriage hire for Miss Swenson		3 00
" "	William Franck, 1,000 programs		10 00
" "	Postoffice, erroneous deposit to credit of Mission Fund on September 22, 1893		40 00
" "	Rev. E. Edman's note, included in Augustana Synod, contribution of June 19, 1894		83 40
" "	Costs on return of check No. 574 to order of Rev. E. Edman		3 20
" "	Postage, car fare, discount on Canadian money, expressage, postal cards, etc., etc		38 76
			$37,433 99
	To Balance		3,449 62
			$40,883 61

The above account having been carefully examined by me in all its particulars, I hereby certify that I have found the same correct, both as to items of charge and discharge thereof.

J. Wash. Miller, Chairman.

October 10, 1895.

"MISSIONSBOTE."

Dr.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

To Cash—	Received from Rev. Grahn	$	4,267 87
" "	Return of amount paid twice to Philadelphia Photo-Electrotype Company		4 13
		$	4,272 00

Cr.

The Treasurer craves allowance as follows:

By Cash—	W. E. Hering, printing 5 Nos. "Missionsbote"	$	576 17
" "	Edward Stern & Co., printing 19 Nos. "		2,138 44
" "	" " " 400 postal cards		5 25
" "	W. E. Hering, 500 postal cards		6 25
" "	Levytype Co., Portrait		3 50
" "	" " Photos		3 50
" "	" " Cuts		14 50

By Cash—Levytype Co., Plates	$17 75
" " National Illustrating Co., Electrotypes	28 96
" " " " " Cuts	16 00
" " F. W. Weiskotten, Cuts	7 51
" " " " Electrotypes	25 28
" " Press Engraving Co., Photos	5 83
" " Philadelphia Photo-Electrotype Co., Photos	13 76
" " " " " " Repro. of Church	1 30
" " American For. Electro Co., Photos	4 08
	$2,868 08
Balance	1,403 92
	$4,272 00

The above account having been carefully examined by me in all its particulars, I hereby certify that I have found the same to be correct, both as to items of charge and discharge thereof.

J. Wash. Miller, Chairman.

October 10, 1895.

"FOREIGN MISSIONARY."

Dr.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

To Cash—Received from Rev. Grahn, Agent	$1,301 08
" " From other parties for subscription to "Foreign Missionary"	38 45
	$1,339 53
Overdrawn	213 11
	$1,552 64

Cr.

The Treasurer craves allowance as follows:

By Cash—Craig, Finley & Co., printing 25 Nos. "Foreign Missionary" and postage	$1,530 64
" " Rev. E. E. Sibole, Expenses	22 00
	$1,552 64

The above account having been carefully examined by me in all particulars, I hereby certify that I have found the same to be correct, both as to items of charge and discharge thereof.

J. Wash. Miller, Chairman.

October 10, 1895.

REPORT OF THE AUDITIN OMMITTEE.

We have examined the Foreign Mission Fund and the "Missionsbote" and "Foreign Missionary" accounts of the Treasurer, and find that they have been audited by the Auditing

Committee of the Foreign Mission Board, which Committee certifies these accounts to be correct as to the items of charge and discharge. We have carefully audited the General Expense Fund account and vouchers for the same, and find it also correct as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

We further report that the accounts are neatly and correctly kept, and that the Council is greatly indebted to our Treasurer for his laborious and gratuitous services.

C. R. LANTZ,
S. L. NEWMEYER,
JOHN A. PRIGGE.

This report was accepted and adopted.

VISIT TO HOSPITAL.

An invitation to visit the Easton Deaconess Hospital, extended by Mrs. Emma Pfatteicher, president, was accepted.

ENGLISH CHURCH PAPER.

The chairman of the Pittsburgh Synod's delegation having submitted the action of his Synod touching the establishment by the General Council of an English Church Paper (see report on Minutes of District Synods), this subject was made the Special Order for Saturday morning.

Dr. Edmund Belfour read his report as Visitor to the United Church South.

Resolved, That it be spread on the Minutes, and that the expenses of the Visitor be paid.

REPORT OF VISITOR TO THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

At the last Convention of this Council the undersigned was appointed Visitor to the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South. That body convened in Staunton, Va., beginning September 18, 1895, and I conveyed the fraternal greetings of this Council and the assurance of our confidence in their intelligent comprehension of the true doctrines and life of our Church, their loyalty to her great Confessions, and their zeal for her welfare. These greetings and assurances were heard with pleasure and cordially reciprocated.

The attendance was large, and the proceedings harmonious and full of interest. The work of education and missions en-

gaged the earnest attention of the brethren, and the reports showed that encouraging progress has been made in their vast field of labor.

The Committee on the Common Service was instructed to make earnest efforts to persuade the other General Bodies, which are parties to the preparation of that Service, to make it absolutely uniform in all its parts, including the Ministerial Acts and the Hymns.

A Visitor was appointed to represent the Synod at our present Convention.

EDMUND BELFOUR.

The Special Order being

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK,

as outlined in the report ordered yesterday to be reprinted, Dr. M. H. Richards presented a series of resolutions on the basis of it, which were discussed throughout the session.

DEATH OF REV. DR. MORRIS.

A telegram was read announcing the death of Rev. John Gottlieb Morris, D. D., LL. D., of Baltimore, Md., and a committee, consisting of Drs. J. A. Seiss, S. Laird and A. Spaeth, was appointed to propose suitable action.

The Deaconess Work was made the second Special Order of the afternoon.

Prayer by Rev. F. W. Weiskotten. Adjourned.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 11, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was led by Rev. A. F. Siebert, President of the District Synod of Ohio; Hymn 274, Psalm xlvi. responsively, prayer.

The roll was called and the Minutes were read and approved.

MINUTE ON THE DEATH OF REV. DR. MORRIS.

Resolved, That we have learned with sorrow of the death of Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D., LL. D., the personal friend of many members of

this General Council, who has filled so important a part in the history of our Church in this country; that we are thankful for his preservation in active usefulness to an age so unusual; and that, while we rejoice in his distinguished services so long continued, we deeply sympathize with his sorrowing family and friends in their bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of this Minute be sent to his family.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. SEISS.
S. LAIRD.
A. SPAETH.

Adopted by a rising vote.

Rev. J. E. Whitteker, recently appointed Superintendent, then read the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

The Board of English Home Missions was duly incorporated February 2, 1895, under the following title: "The Board of English Home Missions of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America."

It has its headquarters at Philadelphia at present, its logical center, where its stated meetings are held, and it consists of the following members:

Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., LL. D., L. H. D., President.
Rev. Samuel Laird, D. D., Secretary.
E. Aug. Miller, Esq., Treasurer.

Rev. W. A. Passavant.	Mr. Henry Beates.
" F. J. F. Schantz, D. D.	" Henry Lehman.
" S. A. Repass, D. D.	" W. W. Kurtz.
" O. P. Smith, D. D.	" J. Jacob Mohr.
" L. H. Beck, Ph. D.	" Alfred Saeger.
Professor S. P. Sadtler, Ph. D.	Jas. H. Wolfe, Esq.

The Board, as thus constituted, respectfully submits the following report:

1. The Field.

Although the field is somewhat contracted, because each Synod carries on the mission operations within its own recognized bounds, except the Indiana Synod, and the Synod of the Northwest, still the whole land practically lies open for occupancy, especially the region lying east of New York and the whole stretch of country beyond Ohio, clear to the Pacific coast. And even within the bounds of individual Synods, important

stations have been referred to the Board, such as Newark, N. J., Binghamton and Syracuse, N. Y., and Toledo, Ohio., and the number might be enlarged with profit to our Church.

In this vast field the Board has but twenty-two Mission stations, including five within the limits of District Synods; whereas there are cities by the score, both East and West, with enough Lutheran people to start congregations that, if rightly organized, would soon become helpful in developing the territory yet to be occupied.

2. The Policy.

The policy of the Board is at once conservative and aggressive—conservative, in that the aim has been to enter great Lutheran strongholds and stay the general stampede of young and old into denominationalism; and aggressive, in that (the leading centers of population have been made the bases of operation, in order to anticipate, if possible and wherever practicable, the work which so plainly lies before us as the Evangelical and therefore evangelizing Church.

3. The Workmen.

The workmen are all men of culture and consecration, some of them laboring amid all kinds of discouragements and disadvantages with a heroism born of a lofty purpose and centered upon a great, glowing cause. Cramped, as they are, because of the narrow, uninviting quarters in which they have been compelled to toil, and the small incomes—and these irregularly paid —by which they are scarcely able to secure the most common comforts of life, the wonder is that they reach results as great as they actually do; and if they could only be sustained as their rank merits and their work demands, they could place their enterprises on a self-sustaining basis far sooner than can be hoped under existing conditions.

4. The Work.

There has been a steady growth on all sides. One disadvantage met and mastered gives new strength and courage to meet the next. In some instances, lots have been purchased, and paid for, in whole or part; Chapels have been built; debts have been liquidated, each being enabled to meet the need of the hour and prove the truth of the promise, "As thy day, so shall thy strength be." The following tabulated statement furnishes an exhibit of the general status of each Mission:

	PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	COMMUNICANTS.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.	PROPERTY.	VALUE.
1	Boston, Mass.....	St. Mark's...	E. F. Keever.....	86	24	Lot and small house.....	$8,000
2	Newark, N. J.....	Grace.....	M. S. Waters	76	96	Church.....	12,300
3	Binghamton, N. Y.....	Redeemer....	W. F. Bacher.....	115	108	Church and parsonage....	12,000
4	Syracuse, N. Y.....	Redeemer....	U. J. Klingensmith.	115	208	Lot and temporary Chapel.	5,000
5	Toledo, Ohio.....	St. Stephen's.	H. Peters.....	175	249	Church.....	6,000
6	Toledo, Ohio.....	St. Matthew's	R. E. M. Engers....	56	110	Lot.....	3,800
7	Anderson, Ind.....	St. John's....	W. J. Finck.....	50	103	Parsonage and tem. Chapel	5,000
8	Frankfort, Ind.....	St. Paul's....	A. D. Crile.....	74	135	Church and parsonage....	4,700
9	Portland, Ind.....	Zion's	W. R. Swickard....	48	66	Lot.....	700
10	Decatur, Ill.....	First English.	F. C. Oberly.....	90	163	Church.....	25,000
11	Chicago, Ill.....	St. John's....	W. A. Sadtler.....	35	42	Lot.....	5,000
12	Milwaukee, Wis.....	Redeemer....	W. K. Frick.....	170	164	Chapel and parsonage.....	18,300
13	Red Wing, Minn.....	St. Paul's....	A. Steimle	125	172	Chapel.....	3,600
14	St. Paul, Minn.....	Trinity	W. H. Zuber.....	53	143	Church.....	5,000
15	Minneapolis, Minn.....	Salem	R. L. Leatherman..	94	108	Church.....	7,000
16	Duluth, Minn.....	St. John's....	S. W. Kuhns.....	95	143	Chapel and parsonage.....	13,000
17	Fargo, N. Dak.....	St. Mark's ...	H. K. Gebhart.....	83	117	Church and parsonage....	8,000
18	Salt Lake City, Utah...	Holy Trinity .	J. F. Beates.....	16	23	Chapel and parsonage.....	12,000
19	Spanish Forks, Utah...	Holy Trinity .	R. Runolfson.....	51	37	Church and parsonage....	1,000
20	Seattle, Wash.....	Holy Trinity .	.....	50	35	Lot and temporary Chapel.	9,000
21	Tacoma, Wash.....	St. John's....	A. C. Anda	32	30	Chapel.....	4,500
22	Portland, Oregon.....	St. James....	M. L. Zweizig.....	79	70	Chapel.....	25,000

5. The Outlay.

In comparison with the number of men employed and the character of the work committed to each, the outlay presents a decidedly low average of expense; as can be seen from the following summary from the Treasurer's books, embracing, as it does, the entire cost, not only of the Missions themselves, but of the collection of funds to sustain them.

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from previous statement	$82 15
Receipts from Churches	8,524 87
" " Sunday-schools	5,898 25
" " Missionary and other Societies	2,433 18
" " Individuals	2,691 78
" " Lutheran Missionary and Ch. Ex. Society	400 00
" " the Publication Committee	2,666 66
" " Indiana Synod	211 93
" " Rev. Dr. Spaeth, Ministerium of Pennsylvania	100 00
" " Interest on Deposits	35 00
" " Miscellaneous	2 50
" " Loans	7,120 00
	$30,167 28

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Superintendent and Missionaries	$25,055 75
Expenses of Missionary Superintendent	459 02
Moving Expenses of Missionaries	540 17
Repayment of Loans, with Interest	3,582 09
Printing, etc	353 55
Postage and Expressage	34 67
Cost of Securing Charter	39 00
Incidentals	23 15
	$30,087 40
Balance on hand September 1, 1895	79 88
	$30,167 28

Touching the Treasurer's report, the following is the report of the Auditing Committee:

PHILADELPHIA, October 5, 1895.

Rev. J. E. Whitteker.

MY DEAR SIR: As chairman of the committee to audit the account of E. Aug. Miller, Treasurer of English Home Missions, I write to say that upon examination we found it correct.

Very truly yours, HENRY BEATES.

This report reveals the interesting and encouraging fact that the income this year is greater than that of last year—a result due, however, not so much to the larger beneficence of our congregations, as such, but to the greater gifts of individual members.

6. The Resources.

The Board must look to the Church at large for the means to carry on its work. It must look to the pastors, in particular, for a hearty interest in its Mission operations, and through them win the substantial help of our people. This can be done by a whole-hearted endorsement of the methods adopted by the Board for gathering in funds, such as special offerings by envelope at the Festival of the Reformation, by the Pyramids at Eastertide, or envelope, again, at Pentecost.

The Church Extension Society, though distinct as an organization, is still intimately associated with the Board, and has proved to be its greatest organized assistant. Its fund can be largely increased either by our people giving directly to it, or encouraging the Missionary Superintendent in his efforts to enlarge it. This fund, which goes on blessing and to bless, in ever-widening circles, is aiding our Missions as follows:

St. Mark's, Boston, Mass	$1,800 00
Grace, Newark, N. J	2,000 00
Redeemer, Binghamton, N. Y	900 00
Redeemer, Syracuse, N. Y	1,000 00
St. John's, Anderson, Ind	1,000 00
Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis	1,444 00
St. John's, Duluth, Minn	1,000 00
Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah	2,400 00
Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash	1,000 00
St. John's Tacoma, Wash	1,000 00
St. James, Portland, Oregon	4,000 00
Total	$17,544 00

7. The Need.

The need is urgent—almost distressing. The appeal reaches our ears from all sides, "Come and help us!" Many a flourishing town, having a fair percentage of Lutheran population, is without a Lutheran Church. Parents are drifting out into the world, or into a Church where flesh and sense prevail, and their children follow their footsteps; here and there a faithful few are waiting, as it were, for the coming redemption; their cry goes

up, "How long, O Lord, how long!" and we seem powerless to help. We pray, "Thy Kingdom come!" and we seem to do so little to realize it.

We need scholarly ministers, with consecrated hearts, full of zeal and possessed of practical talent, with whom to man our Missions as fast as we can organize them. We need liberal men and women, with equally consecrated hearts, to sustain our Missions by word and deed—men and women who carry with them the consciousness that God has the same claim upon their money to buy Mission lots, and build Mission churches, and support Mission pastors, as He has upon the Christian Ministry to consecrate their gifts of head and heart in gathering together Mission people, organizing them into congregations, and establishing them in the true and living faith.

8. The Outlook.

And yet, amid all the discouragements and delays, the outlook was never more bright. Our people are waking up to a sense of their responsibility. Our ministers see the need and opportunity as they never did before. The richness of the field and the ripeness of the harvest invite one and all to double exertion, so that the precious grain be gathered in before it falls to the earth, the prey of evil birds. And if we but take a broad view of the work, and each realize that, singly and united, our best talent, whether of head or heart or hand, must be given to it, we shall soon attain what, as yet, lies only in prospect.

In view of what we have already attained, and what still lies before us for attainment, the Board presents the following recommendations:

1) That the Synods be urged to increase their contributions so as to realize at least twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) for each of the next two years; and that, to meet this, the apportionment be as follows:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$10,000
Pittsburgh Synod	4,500
Ministerium of New York	2,000
Ohio Synod	2,000
Chicago Synod	1,000
Synod of the Northwest	500

2) That the congregations adopt, as far as practicable, the methods of the Board in raising money, and that every aid and

encouragement be given the Missionary Superintendent, so that all the congregations may be reached by him, in direct visitation as well as in the use of the Programs and the reading of the Leaflets which he may prepare by the Board's authority.

3) That 4,000 additional copies of this report be separately printed by the English Secretary of the General Council, and furnished to the Board for more general distribution.

J. A. SEISS, President.
SAMUEL LAIRD, Secretary.
E. AUG. MILLER, Treasurer.

J. E. WHITTEKER, Superintendent.

The recommendations of the Board were adopted, together with this resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the great necessities of the case, the General Council, in compliance with the request of its Board of English Home Missions, asks the Synods to contribute to this cause at least $20,000 a year for the next two years.

Dr. J. Nicum, chairman of the Board, read the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GERMAN HOME MISSIONS.

To the President and Members of the General Council.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Since the last Convention of the General Council your Board has held six meetings. In the membership two changes have occurred: In place of the Rev. J. Steinhauser and Mr. J. G. Steenken, both of whom resigned, the Rev. H. W. Hoffmann, now of Brooklyn, and Mr. Henry Heuer, of New York, were elected. The election of officers resulted in the choice of the following: The writer was elected chairman and editor of "Siloah," the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten Recording Secretary and the Rev. J. J. Kuendig Treasurer.

1. The Field.

(a) THE SOUTH.

Agreeably to a resolution of the Council, passed at its last meeting, we made inquiries into the spiritual condition, etc., of our brethren in Brazil, and found that help is indeed needed, but that pastors and churches are unionistic, and that a minister of the confessional position of the General Council would not

be welcome. They are in connection with the Oberkirchenrat in Berlin and have applied to a unionistic mission society for pastors. Moreover, the cost of establishing and maintaining mission work in our great sister republic of the South is quite large. Being scarcely able to meet the expense of the missions already established and to satisfy the ever-increasing needs of the field, it was on this account, aside from any other, impossible for us to begin work in Brazil.

The Council, two years ago, thought favorably of the plan of appointing a Superintendent of German Missions. We extended calls to two or three suitable men, but have so far been unsuccessful in our endeavors.

On September 28, 1894, the incorporation was effected under the name of the "German Home Mission Board of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America." The location of the corporation is "in the city, county and state of New York." Its trustees for the first year are J. J. Heischmann, J. F. Loch, J. Nicum, F. W. Weiskotten and J. J. Kuendig.

Our missionaries have labored faithfully, and the number of souls under their care has, since our last report, increased by nearly one thousand.

The congregation at Ottenheim, Ky., is about becoming self-supporting, the missionary, Rev. Paul Schencke, now drawing one-half the amount of support formerly extended to this field.

(b) UTAH.

Our Utah Mission is doing well. Ogden is suffering in consequence of the business depression, and a large part of the congregation has moved away, still the church is in a fair condition of prosperity. The missionary concentrates his efforts, however, upon Salt Lake City. Shortly after the last Convention of the Council your Board came into possession of a legacy of $500 left to the General Council by Mr. John G. Wagner for German Home Mission work in the United States and Canada. As our church in Salt Lake City was in need of a suitable building, conveniently located, your Board made them the proposition that it would purchase a lot, if they would put up the building. This was accepted, and the Board now holds the deed to a lot of ground 33x120, conveniently located, upon which the congrega-

tion has since erected a plain frame building, which serves the purposes both of a church and of a school house.

In Salt Lake City also many members of our Church have moved away, still the work has not materially suffered, as others have stepped in and occupied the vacant places. The congregation is small, but enjoys a good degree of prosperity. Rev. Mr. Kuhr also conducts a parochial school, which is attended by thirty-five children. A promising preaching station is Murray, south of Salt Lake City.

(c) MANITOBA.

Our principal field of labor is still the Province of Manitoba and the Northwest Territory of Canada. In South Manitoba, close to the boundary line of North Dakota, in the fruitful valley of the Red River of the North, the Rev. Wm. Willing ministers to more than one thousand souls. He serves ten preaching stations and congregations.

The church at Winnipeg still has for its pastor the Rev. Martin Ruccius. About 150 persons belonging to it have moved to the Northwest and settled at Tupper and Gladstone. Fully 550 persons remain in the church at Winnipeg. Mr. Ruccius regularly visits the settlers at Tupper and Gladstone. We are happy to say that since a true Lutheran practice has been unequivocally established in the church at Winnipeg the distraction has ceased. The people are earnestly endeavoring to pay off the church debt.

(d) ASSINIBOIA.

Langanburg, Beresina and a few other preaching stations are located in the northeastern part of the District of Assiniboia, about 250 miles to the northwest of Winnipeg. Rev. Emil Berthold has been laboring here with varying success. Whilst some of the people, indeed, are grateful for the services of the missionary, others do not improve the opportunity. The Board has seriously thought of taking away its missionary, and sending him where the Gospel is more appreciated. Mr. Berthold writes, however, that lately an improvement has become noticeable, and begs that we bear with the people a little longer.

At Neudorf and Josefsberg, in Eastern Assiniboia, Rev. Louis Streich provides for the spiritual wants of about 1,000 German Protestants. Mr. Streich is again a member of the Canada Synod, but he is not in the service of your Board.

Seventy miles further west are the churches and preaching-stations served by Rev. C. H. Schmieder. His parish comprises about 700 souls. At Edenwald, where the missionary resides, a church has been built which is practically free of debt.

For about 400 miles west of this point the country is in want of sufficient rain, and consequently barren and little settled, except by stock-raisers. At Calgary, a short distance east of the Rocky Mountains, a railroad branches off to the north, and establishes connection between one of the most fertile regions of the great Northwest and the Canadian Pacific railroad system. In this district, commencing at a point about 100 miles north of Calgary and extending to the north a hundred miles further, two of our missionaries are caring for over 1,100 souls.

(e) ALBERTA.

At Wetaskiwin, Alberta, the Rev. F. Bredlow has been stationed since May last. He was a deacon of the Rauhe Haus at Horn, near Hamburg, pursued his studies in the institutions of the Wisconsin Synod and was called by your Board last spring to take charge of the southern portion of Rev. Pempeit's field. Rev. Bredlow labors with great self-denial and serves the church at Wetaskiwin, as well as a number of settlements which are far scattered. His former colleagues in the Wisconsin Synod speak highly of his fidelity, and before calling him he assured the Board, that he had examined and accepted the principles of the General Council. It is to be regretted that hail and an untimely frost ruined all the crops of the settlers in this region. They had promised to raise a hundred dollars towards the support of the missionary, but this it is now impossible for them to do.

The Rev. F. Pempeit still resides at Stony Plain, near the north branch of the Saskatchewan River. He serves five churches and preaching-stations.

From the foregoing it will appear that your Board has in its employ eight missionaries, one each in Kentucky and Utah, and six in the Northwest, to-wit: Two each in Manitoba, Assiniboia and Alberta. They have under their spiritual care about 5,000 persons, fully one-half of whom are adults.

2. Synodical Organization.

The Canada Synod, at its last meeting, resolved to recommend to our missionaries and churches in Canada the organiza-

tion of a separate Synod. The Board has thought favorably of this recommendation, and advised the missionaries to organize a Synod as soon as practicable.

3. Financial.

The treasurer and the editor of "Siloah" will report separately. Thanks are due to the Rev. H. Grahn, of Philadelphia, for his labors as financial manager of "Siloah." It is a matter of great satisfaction that the treasurer has been enabled to meet promptly all salaries due the missionaries. This would not have been possible had not there been a large balance in the treasury two years ago, and had not the revenues from the German publications of the General Council given us material aid.

4. Missourian Interference.

We cannot close our report without touching upon a matter which is lamentable in the extreme. It is this: Since the publication of Pastor Grosse's "Unterscheidungslehren," in which the General Council and certain men in our body are charged with teaching false doctrine and with maintaining principles in Church government which smack of Rome, the men whom the authorities of the Missouri Synod have sent into our mission territory to found opposition churches have gone about among the people with this book in hand, showing them that the General Council is a body of heretics and that its missionaries are teachers of false doctrine. It is for the Council to say whether it will take any notice of such conduct.

And now, may the Lord of the harvest bless the labors of our missionaries and inspire churches and individuals to a more hearty support of our work.

In the name of the Board,

J. NICUM, Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF GERMAN HOME MISSIONS.

RECIEPTS.

Balance from last accounting	$965 54
Wagner Legacy	500 00
Legacy of Kath. Wenz, deceased	100 00
Proceeds from German publications of General Council	1,618 97
From the President's Fund of the Pennsylvania Synod	180 48
From the Institution in Kropp	280 00
From various individuals, Churches and Associations	4,710 55
Sum total of receipts, excepting the Texas Bonds	$8,355 54

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Missionaries	$7,166 77
Support for Rev. C. Buttermann	45 00
Purchase of Lot in Salt Lake City	500 00
Expenses connected with this purchase	15 00
Incorporating tht Board	9 30
To the Institution at Kropp	280 00
Expenses of Treasurer for Drafts and Money Orders	13 13
Sum total of expenditures	$8,029 20

J. J. KUENDIG, Treasurer.

READING, PA., October 8, 1895.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee, which was appointed by the German Board of Home Missions to audit the Treasurer's accounts, respectfully report that they have discharged their duties and have found the report correct as above given.

J. FRY,
M. C. HORINE,
A. W. POTTEIGER.

SILOAH ACCOUNT.

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed for this purpose by the German Board of Home Missions, have examined into the account of the editor of "Siloah" and find the same correct.

Total receipts from October 1, 1893 to September 30, 1895, including a balance of $43.53	$1,033 27
Expenditures	978 44
Leaving a balance of	$54 83

GEO. H. GOMPH,
JOHN H. ROHR,
C. SCHLOTTMANN.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., October 7, 1895.

On motion of Rev. J. C. Kunzman,

Resolved, That as in the English Sunday-schools, so also in the German, Reformation Day and Lenten Season be set apart for the gathering of funds for Church Extension and (German) Home Missions.

The further consideration of the report was deferred until the report of a committee to draft a resolution concerning interference with German Mission work in Western Canada, which committee consists of Rev. Drs. Belfour and Roth, and Dr. R. K. Buehrle.

CHARTERS OF HOME MISSION BOARDS.

Resolved, That the Charters of the English and the German Home Mission Board be printed in the Minutes.

(The Charters are printed as an Appendix.)

BOARD OF SWEDISH HOME MISSIONS.

In the absence of the formal report, Rev. J. Telleen presented some items of interest. The President of the Synod has since furnished the following:

The Home Mission work of the Augustana Synod presents the following aspect:

Immigrant Mission.

The immigration this year has been less than usual. Nevertheless the duties of the missionary have been of great moment and importance. There is much to be done among the countrymen arriving on our shores. The reports of the missionary, Mr. C. Schuch, give evidence of the unceasing labor and effort which distinguish true missionary zeal. Not only is he the spiritual adviser of the immigrants, but also their protector from the manifold difficulties awaiting them upon their arrival in this, to them, foreign country. Both the missionary and the Board of Missions deeply feel the necessity of establishing an Immigrant Home. On that account the missionary was called to travel during the spring, through the Western States, partly for the awakening of an interest in the Immigrant Mission, and partly for the subscription and collection of funds to the Home. Concerning the Immigrant Mission, the following resolutions have been adopted:

1. That the Board desires the Synod, at its meeting, to adopt definite resolutions concerning the Home.

2. That, Whereas, the Right Rev. Bishop von Scheéle has magnanimously promised to recommend our Immigrant Mission amongst the Ministry in Sweden, suitable literature be printed for distribution in Sweden.

The Immigrant Missionary has privately gathered contributions for destitute immigrants, as the Board has been unable to appropriate any certain sum for said purpose.

Utah.

Within the Mission District of Utah labor at present Revs. A. P. Martin at Salt Lake City, A. Gunberg at Provo and Santaquin, and P. Peterson at Ogden. We are convinced that the work has proceeded, by the blessing of God, in these cities. Rev. Martin relates in his last report that the services have been well attended, but the difficulty lies in inducing the people to join the congregation. In Salt Lake City, as elsewhere, there is a great lack of employment.

Rev. Martin has commenced missions in Park City, and says that the meetings are very well attended. He also visited the mining town of Bingham. In both places good hopes are cherished for our work.

Rev. A. Gunberg has entertained the idea of establishing a school in Provo, and the Board promised to appropriate $100 for this purpose. For various reasons it has as yet been impossible to open this school. All our Utah missionaries feel the necessity of reaching the rising generation and gathering them. Services have been conducted every Sunday both in Provo and Santaquin. The attendance has not been very large, but those who attend show, by their attendance and zeal, that they are conscious of their spiritual wants. The Mission work has progressed even at Ogden, but the lack of employment and the resulting migration has lately threatened to dissolve the congregation. In addition, Rev. Peterson and his wife have, during the greater part of the year, suffered considerably from sickness. Concerning the Mission at Ogden, a resolution was adopted at the last meeting of the Board:

That the Missionary be requested to investigate and report about the probabilities for our work in Ogden, in order that the question of continued work on this field may be determined at the meeting of the Synod.

An extract from Rev. Peterson's interesting report states that he has preached twice every Sunday during the year, except three, when he was confined to bed by sickness. The Sunday-school has been attended by more than 50 children; 39 baptisms have occurred during the year. English services have been conducted every other week in order to reach the Americanized youth. Every other Wednesday, services have been held in Five Points, and since last New Year one Sunday each month.

Bingham City and Huntersville have also been visited. Besides, Rev. Peterson has visited Pocatello and Corinne, Idaho, about 130 miles from Ogden. In the former place he found many Swedes, of whom many are Lutherans. Rev. Peterson tendered his resignation the 27th of May last. His reason is principally that a change of climate was deemed necessary for his wife, who has been sick continuously since their arrival there.

Florida.

Rev. I. A. Axelsson has labored conscientiously in Florida. Even there our Mission has suffered considerably on account of

the hard frost experienced the last days of December, 1894. Not only was the orange crop destroyed, but also many of the saplings were killed. The probable results of this misfortune may possibly for a long time impede our mission work in Florida. "The Lord knoweth what He doeth," writes the missionary; and what He does is surely for the best, although we cannot see nor understand it.

On account of a petition from Centerville, Miss., asking for missionary work at that place, it was resolved by the Board to instruct Rev. Axelsson to make a trip of investigation to said place. On acount of the report tendered by Rev. Axelsson concerning his trip, and for the reason that the present prospects in Florida are very small, Rev. Axelsson was called to work at Centerville, Miss., for a period of three months.

Montana.

In accordance with a resolution of the Synod the Board has continued to call a missionary for Montana. In the beginning of the year a call was extended to Rev. Augustus G. Olson, who, to the satisfaction of the Board as well as the Synod, accepted.

Rev. Olson, who has for some time labored with Helena and Butte as stations, considers the prospect for our work fairly good. He says that, although he has not been there long enough to judge the field in all its particulars, the people as a whole favor our Lutheran Church.

The Board has, through Mr. Nels Nelson, of Galesburg, Ill., been notified, that Mr. Nels Truedson, deceased, has bequeathed $300 to the Immigrant Mission. The donation has been accepted with thanks and will be credited to the Mission on January 1, 1896.

Mr. G. N. Swan, the Treasurer of the Board, has examined the accounts of the Board of Missions from the beginning, or for a period of thirty-five years. This has surely been a tedious and trying work. The footings arrived at may be of interest to note. The Mission Funds received during the entire time aggregate $127,076.44.

For the Home Mission $60,341.69 has been contributed and $70,641.60 disbursed, leaving a deficit of about $10,300.

For the Utah work $23,255.87 has been contributed and $25,668.49 disbursed, leaving a deficit of about $2,400.

For the Foreign Missions $41,254.08 has been gathered. and $30,342.90 disbursed, leaving a balance of about $10,000.

According to these footings, the Home Mission Fund is indebted to the Foreign Mission for the sum of $10,723.36, the Utah Mission $187.82, and the congregation at Oakland City $500. These make an aggregate of $11,411.18 indebtedness to the Foreign Mission fund.

In regard to this the Board presented the following resolutions at the meeting of the Synod:

1. That the Synod releases the Board of all the responsibility of the past, and considers all accounts closed at the meeting of the Synod 1894.

2. That the Utah Mission shall be considered as Home Mission, in accordance with present ruling, and that the resolution concerning the Utah Mission as Foreign Mission be declared null and void.

May the Lord sustain and encourage the interest for missions within our Church, and may His Name be more known and hallowed. His kingdom come, His will be done.

ACCOUNTS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR 1894–1895.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury June 1, 1894	$ 423 45
Contributions for Home Missions from all sources	2,860 98
Contributions to Utah Mission from all sources	1,488 39
Through Mr. Schuch for the Immigrant Home	500 00
Total	$5,272 82

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries, appropriations, Immigrant Home and general expenses	$5,248 36
Balance in treasury May 31, 1895	24 46
Total	$5,272 82

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. SWARD,

Pres. Augustana Synod.

OMAHA, NEB., October, 1895.

Resolved, That when we adjourn on Saturday morning, it be to reconvene on Monday morning.

Prayer by Dr. Jos. A. Seiss. Adjourned.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 12, 9 A. M.

Rev. Prof. W. A. Sadtler, President of the Chicago Synod, led the devotional service, which consisted of hymn 366, Psalm xlviii., and prayer.

The roll was called, and the Minutes were read and approved.

CHARTERS AND DEEDS.

Resolved, That the Acts of Incorporation of the Mission Boards and the deeds of properties held by the Boards be deposited in the Archives.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication with reference to a Temperance Sabbath was referred to a special committee, consisting of Dr. T. L. Seip, Prof. Alfred Holmes, Rev. F. A. Kaehler, J. B. Zimmele, and Dr. H. E. Jacobs.

A communication from the "Ecclesiastical Peace Conference" was deferred until the committee on last Convention's Minutes reports.

ENGLISH CHURCH PAPER.

The question of an English Church Paper being the Special Order, Rev. J. C. Kunzman presented certain propositions which, on motion of Dr. Spaeth, were referred to a special committee to report at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon. The Chair appointed as the committee: Rev. G. W. Sandt, Rev. M. L. Wagner, Rev. T. E. Schmauk, Rev. G. A. Bierdemann, Rev. J. C. Kunzman, J. Boyd Duff, Prof. Wm. Swingle, D. G. Miller, Prof. D. S. Boyer, Dr. D. D. Fritch, and Prof. A. W. Williamson.

The following report was read by the chairman, Rev. Dr. Repass, and received for consideration:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE REORGANIZATION OF THE HOME MISSION WORK OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

1. The Nature and Defects of the Present System.

Home Mission work is carried on within the General Council through a number of agencies, beginning with the General Boards and ending with the congregations. There are two Boards, English and German, to which are committed the conduct and oversight of the general work on territory outside of

the several Synods; or at points where Synods may be unable or unwilling to plant missions. The Swedish work is exceptional. The Augustana Synod appoints its own Board, which is formally endorsed by the General Council, and makes a formal report. The several Synods, the Chicago Synod and the Synod of the Northwest excepted, conduct Synodical missions on their own territory, chiefly through a single committee in each Synod, but in the case of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania with the addition of a Superintendent of English missions. There are also a number of missions conducted by Conferences, and some sustained by individual congregations.

As a result of these various methods, those states and portions of states where the Church is strongest are most thoroughly cultivated, and often to the relative neglect of large and important outlying sections of the Union. Smaller interests are allowed to overshadow great ones, the nearer to crowd out of view the more remote. For lack of a comprehensive view of the entire field from ocean to ocean, the best results are not attained even within Synodical boundaries; and, as regards the interests of the Church in the country at large, places and centers of commanding importance are sacrificed to the claims of relatively obscure localities within the settled territory of established Synods. That a system of conducting Missions on such a method will signally fail in meeting the requirements of the field we are called to cultivate is painfully evident.

These facts clearly indicate that our Home Mission policy needs nationalizing. In this matter Conference and State lines should be erased. The entire Home Mission work in each language should be placed under one management, which, by an impartial survey of the whole field, would then be able to make the wisest disposition of the men and means at our disposal. Under such a policy, wisely conducted, different and widely separated sections and states would receive that measure of consideration which their relative importance demanded. As our aim should be the enlargement of the Church, not within a Conference or Synod, but throughout the entire country, we should, as a General Council, legislating for half a continent, proceed on broad national lines.

Such a reorganization of our entire work under two, or three, Boards would substitute generalship for bookkeeping,

and give, in place of the small results of the present partial and narrow policy, larger and continually increasing prosperity. Interesting as is the statistical summary of Synodical Mission work, as given in the General Council Minutes, it only emphasizes our failure to grasp the greatness of the responsibility laid upon us in extending the Church of the pure faith in these United States. Neither as an argument to the judgment of our people, nor as an appeal to enlarged liberality, does it possess that force which attaches to a work concentrated under one management, and presented in one comprehensive showing.

A proper reorganization of our work, as proposed below, would unify, simplify and dignify it. In lieu of a distracting multiplicity of often petty and even conflicting interests, claims, and appeals, our Home Mission work would then stand before the Church in such magnitude as to inspire confidence. And conceived with due regard to the exigencies of the entire country, and carried forward by the united zeal and gifts of the whole General Council, it would command the increased interest and liberality of the whole Church.

2. The Plan Proposed.

1. The English and the German Home Mission work of the several Synods shall be transferred to the General Council; and, together with that already under its Boards, be conducted by an English and a German Board.

2. The Swedish work of the Augustana Synod, carried on as hitherto by the Committee of that Synod, shall be reported for record as the work of the Swedish Board of the General Council.

3. The English and German Boards elected at each Convention of the General Council, while chosen with reference to the centers designated as the headquarters of these Boards, shall be composed of members representing the several Synods co-operating in the support of the missions under their care. The necessary expenses incurred by the members of the Boards in attendance on their meetings shall be paid.

4. One or more Superintendents or Secretaries shall be appointed by each Board, who, under its direction, shall have general supervision of the entire field, designate localities where missions may be established, and visit the Synods, Conferences, and congregations, as they may have opportunity.

5. An Advisory Home Mission Committee shall be elected or

appointed by each Synod—or one for each language—with which Committee the Boards shall confer and through which they may act.

6. Under these Advisory Committees there shall also be appointed Auxiliary Committees in such cities and localities as the importance of the work may demand, say one in New York City, or Albany; one in Western Pennsylvania, at Pittsburgh; one in Ohio, at Lancaster; one in the Chicago Synod, at Chicago; one at Minneapolis, Minn.; and one at Portland, Oregon. The chairman of each of the Advisory Committees shall be a member ex-officio of the General Board under which his Committee is appointed. The chairmen of the several Auxiliary Committees existing within the territory of a Synod shall also be members ex-officio of the Advisory Committee of said Synod.

7. The gross amount to be expended by each Board shall be determined at each Convention of the General Council, and by it apportioned among the several Synods.

8. Quarterly statements and annual reviews of the work shall be published by the Boards for the information of the Church. The Boards shall report at each Convention of the General Council.

S. A. Repass,
Geo. C. F. Haas,
Edmund Belfour,
M. C. Ranseen,
A. F. Siebert,
W. K. Frick,
W. A. Sadtler,
A. R. Schulz.

On motion of Dr. J. A. Seiss,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Council that the entire work of Home Missions of the Synods belonging to this body should, as soon as possible, be concentrated in the General Council; and that this declaration, together with the report be referred to the Synods for examination and action, the results to be reported at the next Convention of the General Council.

It was further

Resolved, That the whole report be printed in the Minutes and also in connection with the four thousand additional copies of the English Home Mission Report.

On motion of Rev. D. M. Kemerer,

Resolved, That the President of the Council and the several Vice-Presidents are instructed to call the attention of their respective bodies at once to the fact that the apportionments for English Home Missions are on a basis of $20,000 instead of $15,000.

JEWISH MISSIONS.

Dr. H. W. Roth, Treasurer of the Committee for Jewish Mission Work in Chicago, by permission, addressed the Council on that work.

On motion of Rev. G. E. Youngdahl,

Resolved, That the General Council rejoices in what has been undertaken by the Jewish Mission at Chicago, invokes God's blessing upon those who are engaged in this work, and heartily commends it to the prayers and benefactions of every friend of God's ancient covenant people.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee, appointed to nominate the members of the several Boards, begs leave to report the following:

I. Board of English Home Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Joseph A. Seiss.	Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph. D.
Samuel Laird.	E. Augustus Miller, Esq.
F. J. F. Schantz.	J. F. Wolfe, Esq.
S. A. Repass.	Henry Lehman.
O. P. Smith.	Alfred G. Saeger.
Jacob Fry.	Henry Beates.
W. A. Passavant.	John W. Wartman.
	J. Martin Rommel.

(Rev. J. E. Whitteker, Supt., *ex-officio*, advisory).

II. Board of German Home Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
John Nicum.	John A. Prigge.
J. J. Kuendig.	Henry Heuer.
John Brezing.	H. E. Ludder.
George C. F. Haas.	C. D. Boschen.
Edward F. Moldehnke.	John Sutter.
A. Richter.	
J. J. Heischmann.	
H. W. Hoffman.	
F. W. Weiskotten.	
Jacob W. Loch.	
Albert R. Schulz.	

* Treasurer's Address: Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth, N. Hoyne and Le Moyne streets, Chicago.

III. Board of Swedish Home Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
P. J. Sward.	J. F. Helin.
E. A. Fogelstrom.	G. N. Swan.
F. N. Swanberg.	G. A. Ossian.
J. E. Erlander.	Prof. S. M. Hill.
P. E. Åslev.	

IV. Board of Foreign Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
C. W. Schaeffer.	William H. Staake, Esq.
H. Grahn.	J. Wash. Miller.
J. L. Sibole.	
W. Ashmead Schaeffer.	(Rev. John Telleen, Supt., *ex-officio*, advisory).
F. W. Weiskotten.	
E. E. Sibole.	
J. E. Nidecker.	
E. H. Pohle.	
E. R. Cassaday.	
Carl A. Blomgren.	
J. F. C. Fluck.	
Samuel A. Ziegenfuss.	
John J. Heischmann.	

V. Board of Emigrant Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
J. H. Baden.	W. Hauff.
D. W. Peterson.	W. A. Schmitthenner.
G. C. F. Haas.	C. D. Boschen.
	L. F. J. Anger.
	Hokan Johansen.

VI. Board of Publication.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
H. Grahn.	Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph. D.
F. W. Weiskotten.	Charles A. Opp.
W. Ashmead Schaeffer.	James N. Mohr.
S. A. Ziegenfuss.	James G. Finley.
E. R. Cassaday.	
J. L. Sibole.	

Respectfully submitted by authority of the Committee.

M. H. Richards, Chairman.

The several Committees, as nominated, were elected.

Revs. H. W. Roth, F. A. Kaehler and M. C. Horine were appointed to draft a Minute on the death of Dr. Passavant.

VISITORS.

Official Visitors were appointed as follows:

To the United Synod of the South—Rev. Dr. S. Laird, with Rev. J. E. Whitteker as alternate.

To the United Norwegian Church—Rev. J. C. Kunzman, with Rev. W. K. Frick as alternate.

To the General Synod—Rev. D. H. Geissinger, with Rev. G. W. Mechling as alternate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Committee on the President's Report directs the attention of the Council to the following items:

A Brighter Outlook.

We are encouraged by the President's view of a brighter outlook, after the years of depression through which the country has passed since our last Convention, and heartily endorse the manner in which he urges that there be a steadfast adherence to our Confessional position, and a more earnest spiritual life; that there be a guarding against formalism on the one hand and fanaticism on the other.

A Greater Liberality.

With reference to the need of greater liberality, we commend to the prayerful and serious consideration of pastors and people, the earnest words of the President on this subject. We trust that they will bring forth fruit in increased contributions to all the activities of our beloved Church. As the most direct way to secure "ever-improving, practical, and systematic methods to increase the revenues of our Church Institutions and General Boards," your committee suggests the propriety of calling into greater activity the laity, and of entrusting to them a greater share in the management of the financial interests of the Church.

Education of Our Youth.

We call your special attention to what the President has written regarding the education of the youth of our Church, and would impress it on the hearts and minds of our people, to make the necessary provision for carrying on this great work;

and that in this, as in all other branches of the Church's work, there be greater self-sacrifice, so that a greater growth in liberality, Christian knowledge, and in the faith of our Church may be attained.

The Texas and Icelandic Synods.

With reference to the withdrawal of the Texas Synod from the General Council, as this has taken place by and with the consent of your body, your committee needs only to call attention to the completion of the transfer.

As to the request of the Icelandic Synod, we recommend that the President be instructed to furnish the desired information.

In conclusion, your committee would suggest that the Council approve the disposition the President has made of the matters of difference that were referred to him for advice or adjustment.

D. H. Geissinger,
M. C. Horine,
J. R. Dewald,
A. F. Siebert,
W. A. Sadtler,
R. K. Buehrle,
G. Nelsenius,
W. M. Swingle.

The report was adopted.

Prayer by Rev. C. G. Fischer. Adjourned.

On Saturday afternoon the General Council visited Lafayette College. In the Chapel of that institution President Warfield extended the courtesies of the College to the Council, and Rev. Prof. Henry W. Roth, of Chicago, responded on behalf of the Council. While on a tour of inspection through the buildings the brethren paid their respects to the venerable Prof. Francis A. March. LL. D.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Monday, October 14, 9 A. M.

Rev. George E. Youngdahl, of Englewood, Chicago, conducted the devotional service: Hymn 11, Psalm xxv, prayer.

The roll-call was dispensed with. The Minutes were read and approved.

Hon. C. R. Lantz was excused from attendance after this session.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NORWEGIAN CHURCH.

LINDSBORG, KAN., October 5, 1895.

To the Reverend President of the General Council.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

It was my great privilege and pleasure to be present at the meeting of the United Norwegian Church in St. Paul, Minn., in June, 1894. I was received with much cordiality by the President and the entire body. My greetings from the General Council were received with evident interest, and the Rev. Prof. Lund was elected as delegate to the General Council. It is my fond hope that this large, active body of Lutherans may soon come into organic union with the General Council.

With high esteem, very sincerely,

CARL A. SWENSSON.

Received, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

LETTER FROM THE FRATERNAL VISITOR OF THE UNITED SYNOD SOUTH.

The following was read, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

CHARLESTON, S. C., October 2, 1895.

To the Reverend President and Members of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America.

BRETHREN:

At the recent convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held at Staunton, Va., September 18-22, 1895, I was elected to convey to you the fraternal greetings of that body. I regret that I cannot do this in person, especially as you meet in a Church for so many reasons dear to me. We were glad to have with us at Staunton your Fraternal Visitor, Rev. Dr. Belfour, and through him to be assured of your brotherly confidence and sympathy. We reciprocate his warm expressions, and wish you Godspeed. We are one in faith, and one in duty.

The United Synod took important action on two points which I am called to lay before you. We unanimously adopted

the "Basis for Co-operation" laid before us by the General Synod, which had been adopted by Committees of the General Council and the General Synod; and eager for further progress in the true faith and a more complete co-operation, authorized our President to appoint a committee to meet with similar committees of the Northern bodies, if another Conference should be called.

The Common Service is used among us with unanimity and satisfaction; and the United Synod again earnestly instructed its Committee on Common Service to ask the further co-operation of the General Council and the General Synod in the adoption of a book containing the Common Service, Common Orders for Ministerial Acts, and a Common Selection of Hymns. I trust your Committee will be instructed to confer with us on this subject, and to work with us to this end.

Praying that God may guide you to His good will, and bless you in the performance of it,

I am sincerely yours,

EDWARD T. HORN,
Fraternal Visitor from the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

The requests made therein were deferred until the consideration of the Church Book Committee's Report, which was made the order for 11 o'clock.

VISITOR TO THE ICELANDIC SYNOD.

Rev. H. K. Gebhart of Fargo, N. Dak., was appointed Visitor to the Icelandic Synod, to convey the fraternal greetings of this Body and to request the adoption of "The Fundamental Principles of Faith and Church Polity" and the consideration of the question of union with the General Council.

GENERAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

Rev. J. C. Kunzman offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be instructed to furnish our publications, especially the English Church Book and Sunday-school Book to the Publication House of the United Norwegian Church, for the use of their congregations, at the largest discount possible.

It was referred to the Publication Board, in conjunction with the Trustees, for action.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Weiskotten,

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be instructed to set aside thirty per cent. (30%) of the income of our publications per annum, in order to create a fund for the securing of a Publication House.

Resolved, That the Board shall report the state of this fund at each Convention of the General Council, until the object for which it is created has been attained.

On motion of Rev. G. C. Berkemeier,

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be instructed to allow all Lutheran institutions of mercy and of education the privilege of securing the Mission Edition of the Church Book.

The following motion of Rev. H. Peters was referred to the Publication Board, to report upon at the next Convention, namely:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be and hereby is instructed not to sell our books to publication houses in sheets or unbound copies.

The report of the Board of Publication was then adopted as a whole.

Dr. M. H. Richards presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON LEAVES.

Your Committee respectfully reports that it has continued to carry out the instructions received at the last Convention of this body. The lessons then authorized have been edited and published as heretofore. No changes have been made in the editorial force; nor in the arrangements for publication.

According to resolution, the lessons for '95 and '96 were to be upon the Gospels for the day, and the poetical and prophetic books of the Old Testament. The Committee has had sufficient information to discover that this latter feature is not desirable to some at least, and asks for instruction as to a modification of this resolution. (1) Shall the resolution, as stated above, be adhered to; (2) or shall the Gospel for the day be the lesson during the entire year; (3) or shall Old Testament History be begun once more, after Trinity Sunday?

M. H. Richards,
W. K. Frick,
G. W. Mechling,
H. W. Roth,
H. N. Fegley,
R. K. Buehrle,
F. A. Kaehler.

Resolved, That the Supplementary Gospels be used in the current Lesson Leaf series until Advent, 1896.

Report adopted and committee continued.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

On motion of Dr. M. H. Richards,

Resolved, 1. That we recommend to our Sunday-schools a graded course of study.

Resolved, 2. That this course be subdivided into four departments: (1) A Primary Department, in which the instruction shall be oral; (2) An Intermediate Department, for those able to read fairly well; (3) An Advanced Department, for those still older, and who have received the instruction given in the preceding departments; (4) Senior Bible Classes.

Resolved, 3. That the studies pursued in the Primary Department shall be:

(a) Bible History; to be taught with the aid of suitable pictorial charts, illustrating the life of Christ, as connected with the Seasons of the Church Year, and suitable events in Old Testament History.

(b) The Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.

(c) Texts of Scripture, prayers, portions of the Psalms, and verses of hymns from the "Little Children's Book."

Resolved, 4. That the studies pursued in the Intermediate Department shall be:

(a) Biblical History of the Old and New Testaments, in simple form and wording.

(b) The plain text of the First, Second, and Third Parts of Luther's Small Catechism,—to be memorized.

(c) After a sufficient knowledge of Bible History has been attained, the study of such portions of Scripture as may have been designated from time to time, by this body, to be used in the Lessons recommended by it, or in Question-books approved by it.

Resolved, 5. That the studies pursued in the Advanced Department shall be:

(a) Such portions of Scripture as may have been designated from time to time by this body, to be used in the Lessons recommended by it, or in Question-books approved by it.

(b) The Catechism with proof-texts.

Resolved, 6. That the studies pursued by the Senior Bible Classes shall be:

(a) Lessons, or Question-books, assigned Reviews of the previous Departments; or some one or more of the following more especial studies:

(b) The Epistles.

(c) The consecutive study of entire books of the Bible.

(d) The Augsburg Confession.

(e) The Church Services.

(f) Biblical Antiquities.

(g) Church History,—and the like.

Resolved, 7. That there should also be a Normal Department to prepare for teaching in Sunday-school.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Church Book Committee respectfully reports that, on account of the distance of its members from one another and the size of the Committee, it has been greatly embarrassed in the work that has been assigned it. The difficulty is exceedingly great of determining upon a time of meeting, when it is possible to secure a quorum of its members.

The Committee has held three meetings since the last Convention of the General Council. The first was held at the Seminary at Mt. Airy in December, 1893. The instructions of the Council concerning the revision and enlargement of the English Sunday-school Book were considered, and sub-committees appointed to undertake the details of the work.

Provision was made also for the revision of the music of the German Sunday-school Book.

At the request of the German Editorial Committee, the late Dr. J. Zahn, of Neuen Dettelsau, undertook the work of harmonizing anew the whole German Sunday-school Book. He is acknowledged throughout the Fatherland as the first authority in Church music, and we may congratulate ourselves on having secured through him a standard work, both in its musical character and in the exactness and reliability of the historical dates concerning the origin of the tunes. This work was the last service which Dr. Zahn was enabled to do for the Lutheran Church, to which he was so faithfully devoted. Soon after its completion the Lord called him home.

In this revision of the Book the choral tunes are now inserted with the hymns to which they belong, and what was hitherto the "Choral-Buch," forming an appendix of 63 pages, could be dispensed with. As it seemed highly desirable to add a number of more popular tunes, it was recommended by the Church Book Committee that an appendix of about fifty new hymns be added in the place of the former "Choral-Buch." The revised book is now in the hands of the compositor, and the plates are being prepared.

At the second meeting of the Committee at Wernersville in

September, 1894, the sub-committee on the hymns of the English Sunday-school Book not being ready to report, the entire book was examined and revised in the sessions, a large number of the hymns being omitted, to make way for others, and many of the tunes being changed. The sub-committee was instructed to enlarge the number of hymns to not over three hundred and to print them for the examination of the Committee. These instructions having been carried out, a third meeting was held at Mt. Airy in January, 1895, where the list received thorough revision, and was recommitted to the sub-committee, with instructions to have the copy ready for the printer by Easter. Efforts have been made since then to secure a meeting of the Committee, but have failed, owing to the pressure of work in other directions of the members of the Committee. The sub-committee is ready to present the complete book whenever the Committee assembles. Notice, however, has been given that certain features of the new book will require much time and attention on the part of the General Committee, if it is to receive unanimous approval.

The General Council also instructed the Committee to revise the revision of the translation of Luther's Small Catechism made at Wernersville in September, 1892, by the Joint Committee of General Synod, United Synod of the South, Joint Synod of Ohio, English Synod of Missouri, and General Council, and published as an Appendix to the Minutes of last Convention. The first draught of such revision was made at the meeting of our Committee at Wernersville in September, 1894, and was published in the "Lutheran Church Review" October, 1894. At a subsequent meeting, the Church Book Committee appointed a sub-committee consisting of Drs. Seiss, Spaeth, Krotel, Laird and Jacobs, to have the matter in charge. As the object of the revision is for the purpose of attaining uniformity with the other Lutheran bodies in this country in the text of the English Catechism used, it is a question whether separate work by our Committee will reach the end in view. It may also be worthy of consideration whether the translation now in use does not answer every purpose, until one uniform translation be possible.

THE COMMITTEE.

On motion of Rev. A. F. Siebert,

Resolved, That the new edition of the Sunday-school Book be published in two editions, one with and one without music, and that

the latter be in larger type than the present Sunday-school Book without music.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Jacobs,

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee be relieved from further consideration of the revision of the translation of the Catechism until the question of the projected uniform Book of Worship be determined by the joint action of the General Bodies.

The question of a Common Book of Worship, raised by the United Synod of the South, having been referred to this session, on motion of Rev. Dr. Jacobs, it was

Resolved, That the General Council is ready to co-operate with the United Synod of the South, the General Synod, and any other Bodies that may be willing to enter into the movement, in the preparation of one Common Book of Worship for Lutheran congregations using the English language, upon the conditions according to which the Common Service was prepared.

Resolved, That the General Council requests the United Synod to invite all other Lutheran Bodies in this country in which the English language is used, to co-operate in this movement for the attainment of uniformity in our churches.

(The further consideration of the Church Book Committee's Report was resumed at the Ninth Session.)

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Loch. Adjourned.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, October 14, 2 P. M.

Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, of Selinsgrove, Pa., led the devotional service: Hymn 221, Eph. iv. 1-6, prayer.

The Minutes were read and approved.

On taking the chair, in the absence of President Moldehnke, Vice-President Seip referred feelingly to the distressing illness of the President's wife, which had caused his hasty return home.

On motion of Rev. J. Telleen, and by a rising vote, it was

Resolved, That the General Council tenders its honored President its heartfelt sympathy because of the critical illness of his wife, and prays that He who is our Physician may restore her to health and strength, and that the President's hands may not be weakened but be strengthened in the Lord.

On motion of Rev. G. A. Bierdemann and Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, it was

Resolved, That, because of its high appreciation of the sermon

preached by Rev. Dr. Jacobs, the General Council requests its publication.

Dr. Spaeth then read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEACONESS WORK.

Your Committee appointed by the last Convention of the General Council at Fort Wayne, Ind., to report on the progress of the Deaconess cause in our Lutheran Church of this country, begs leave to submit the following report:

There are at this time six Motherhouses for Lutheran Deaconesses organized and in operation. They are located in the following cities: Philadelphia, Omaha, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Brooklyn, and Baltimore. According to language, they may be classified as German, Swedish, German-English, Norwegian, and English. The first three are in connection with the General Council; the following two with the Norwegian Synod; the Baltimore Motherhouse was established by the General Synod.

We submit a brief survey of the history, the principles and the present statistics of these different institutions:

1. The Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses. (Mary J. Drexel Home.)

Rev. Carl Goedel, Pastor.

This institution represents the first successful effort to transplant the German Deaconess work on a large scale and in a systematic manner to America. The needs of the German Hospital in Philadelphia and the distressing experiences made with paid nurses had naturally directed the attention of its leaders to the service of Deaconesses, which had been gradually substituted for that of paid nurses in the majority of hospitals in the Fatherland. When the important change had been effected in the constitution and administration of the German Hospital in Philadelphia which brought it into regular connection with the Lutheran Church, the way was opened for the introduction of Deaconesses. In the fall of 1883 the preliminary arrangements were made to bring to this country a little colony of German Deaconesses from Iserlohn, whose leading Sister had been educated in Kaiserswerth. In June, 1884, they arrived in Philadelphia, and at once took charge of the German Hospital.

In order to make the institution permanent, the president of the German Hospital, Mr. John D. Lankenau, resolved to establish a regular Motherhouse of Deaconesses in connection with

the Mary J. Drexel Home, an asylum for aged people, which had been planned by him years ago in memory of his deceased wife. A separate organization was founded under the name "The Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses." Mr. Lankenau then at once proceeded to erect the magnificent building opposite Girard College and west of the German Hospital, in which the Sisters found their home after having been the guests of the German Hospital for four years. November 11, 1886, the cornerstone was laid, and on December 6, 1888, the house was dedicated and formally presented to the Board of Trustees by its generous founder. On the same day, the first rector of the institution, Rev. A. Cordes, was installed.

Up to this time Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., had been acting as pastor and spiritual adviser of the Sisters. In 1892 Rector Cordes resigned and was succeeded in 1893 by the Rev. Carl Goedel.

The work of the institution has been steadily growing and expanding during the few years of its existence. The Year Book for 1895, which has just been published, shows forty-two Sisters on the list. Their work is distributed over the following stations: 1. The German Hospital, twenty Sisters; 2. Parish work in Zion's and St. Paul's congregations, two Sisters; 3. The Easton Hospital, three Sisters; 4. The Lutheran St. Johannis Home in Allegheny (in connection with the Ohio Synod), two Sisters. In the Mary J. Drexel Home the following departments are served by the Deaconesses: 1. The Children's Hospital; 2. The Old People's Home; 3. The Lutheran Girls' School; 4. An infants' school.

The Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses aims to carry on its work as closely as possible on the lines laid down by the restorer of the female diaconate (the late Dr. Fliedner) and followed so successfully by the leading German Motherhouses. It means to preserve the historic link with the Deaconess work in its German home, and has therefore sought and received admission into the General Conference of Deaconess Motherhouses at Kaiserswerth. At the same time, the Philadelphia Motherhouse has, from the very beginning, endeavored to advance the general cause of the female diaconate in this country in every way. It educated the first Swedish Sisters for Pastor Fogelstrom's institution in Omaha. It gave a temporary home and preliminary training to a number of Christian women who offered themselves

for this work in the General Synod. It received and trained Sisters for the Dayton Motherhouse, and for weeks entertained a prominent lady who is a leader of the Deaconess cause in the Methodist Church, thus giving her an opportunity to become familiar with the character and spirit of German Lutheran Deaconess work.

2. The Swedish Motherhouse of Deaconesses in Omaha.

Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom, Pastor.

The Swedish Lutheran Deaconess work in America commenced at the Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses, when Sister Bothilda Swenson was sent there by Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom in June, 1887, to be trained for the proposed Swedish Motherhouse at Omaha. The following year, 1888, he also sent four other Sisters to join Sister Bothilda. One of these Sisters having left the work after one year, the other three returned to Omaha in June, 1890. After two years' faithful service at the Philadelphia Motherhouse, Sister Bothilda was sent to Europe for her further training. She took one year's course in the Motherhouse of Stockholm, spent some time in visiting Kaiserswerth and other European Motherhouses, and come back to take charge of the work in Omaha in the fall of 1890.

During the time of the Sister's training in the East, Pastor Fogelstrom had succeeded in building a hospital for their future work in Omaha. At the close of the year 1890 this institution, the Immanuel Hospital, had been finished at a cost of about $30,000. December 20, 1890, the first patient was admitted, a poor Swede coming from the far West, Wyoming. In 1891 a home for the Sisters was built opposite the hospital. All the property of the Institution in Omaha is worth about $40,000, with a debt of $10,000 yet remaining; this debt, however, is more than covered by legacies already made to the Institution.

April 5, 1891, the Institution in Omaha held its first anniversary and at that time the first Swedish-American Deaconess, Sister Bothilda Swenson, was consecrated. This was a time of great rejoicing, several leading men of the Augustana Synod and Rector Cordes, from the Philadelphia Motherhouse, taking part in the services. Since then a festival has been held once a year and six other Sisters have been consecrated. This Swedish-American Motherhouse has at present 7 Deaconesses, 6 help-Sisters,

and 7 Probationers, in all 20 Sisters. Outside of the Motherhouse these Sisters have been working in three permanent stations: At the Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul, Minn., 3 Sisters; parish work in Rev. Ferm's congregation in Sioux City, Ia., 1 Sister; and in Rev. Kranz's congregation in Duluth, Minn., 1 Sister. Besides this regular work, the Motherhouse in Omaha does quite a good deal of temporary work in the city and neighboring congregations. In the summer several Sisters teach parochial schools for children. Six months ago Rev. Dr. Swaerd's congregation in Omaha engaged one Sister. A call from Rev. Petri's congregation in Minneapolis for a Sister to do permanent parish work has also been accepted, the work to commence this fall.

This, the only Swedish-American Motherhouse, feels a great need of a much larger number of Sisters.

The Augustana Synod has at several annual conventions very earnestly recommended this Deaconess Institute, and at its last two conventions the question of receiving it into full organic union has been brought up for the consideration of Synod. At the convention in Chicago, June 18, 1895, the question was postponed until next year, when the Synod will meet in Omaha; then it will no doubt be decided.

3. The Milwaukee Motherhouse of Deaconesses.

REV. J. F. OHL, Rector.

This Motherhouse is the result of the labors of the late Dr. W. A. Passavant, who, nearly half a century ago, took the first step to introduce the Deaconesses into America. In 1863 he opened the Milwaukee Hospital which, from the very beginning, was designed to be a Deaconess Hospital, but not until several years ago did Providence open the way to make this an accomplished fact. In December, 1891, after a course of instruction given by the Rev. H. W. Roth, D. D., the foundation of the Motherhouse began to be laid by the consecration of three Sisters, one of whom had been in the work at Kaiserswerth and another at Neuendettelsau. Sister Martha was made Directing Sister, and in the summer of 1893 a rector was called in the person of the Rev. J. F. Ohl, of Quakertown, Pa., who entered upon the duties of his office in October of the same year. In the annual report just published the Rector says: "The Motherhouse, as now organized, conforms to the best European models in all their essential features, without being a stereotyped reproduction of any

one of them. The principle is recognized and consistently carried out that for America and the Church in America certain modifications and adaptations are necessary in order to secure for the Deaconess cause the same regard and encouragement that it now enjoys in the Fatherland; and we believe that this can be successfully done without sacrificing any of its distinctive features."

The number of Sisters now attached to the Motherhouse is 17. Of these 8 are Deaconesses, 3 of whom were consecrated June 3 of the present year, and 9 are Probationers. The course of study, which is regularly taken up in October of each year and ends with the examinations in May, embraces all the branches usually taught in Motherhouses; and the terms of admission are practically the same as in European institutions. This Motherhouse is, moreover, believed to be the only German-English Motherhouse in the world. Both languages are constantly used in the instruction and in conversation, and there is regular alternation between the two in the Chapel services.

At least four new Probationers were expected to enter in October, with a prospect of even more. The Rector states that there is a growing interest in the work throughout the West and Northwest, and that he has to answer numerous letters of inquiry.

The following charitable institutions, founded by the late Dr. W. A. Passavant, look to the Milwaukee Motherhouse for their supply of Sisters: The Jacksonville Hospital, at Jacksonville, Ill.; the Passavant Hospital (Pittsburgh Infirmary), at Pittsburgh; and the Passavant Memorial (Emergency) Hospital at Chicago, Ill.

4. The Norwegian Lutheran Deaconesses Home and Hospital at Brooklyn.

Sister Elizabeth Fedde, who stands at the head of this institution, writes about its origin and present status, as follows:

"Our work began here in April, 1883, on a very small scale, among the sick and poor Norwegians. The necessity for a proper place to care for the sick, who had previously been referred to the County Hospital when in need of hospital care, became so urgent that in the spring of 1885 a small house was secured which did service as a home for the Sisters and a hospital, so far as its limited capacity would permit. The difficulty, so commonly encountered in originating a new Deaconess home, of securing

the proper persons to take hold of the work with the proper spirit, was gradually overcome, and under the guidance of the good Lord, our work has prospered beyond our most sanguine expectations. Considerable charitable and missionary work is being done outside of the hospital, particularly among the families of Norwegian sailors.

"There has always been a difficulty in procuring Sisters in Brooklyn, so that at present our number is only eleven. But with God's blessing our Home is ever perfectly harmonious and pleasant; the Sisters are earnest and ever eagerly working for the one cause—the furtherance of Christ's work among those who need it most."

5. The Norwegian Deaconess Home in Minneapolis.

Seven years ago the work in Minneapolis was started by Sister Elizabeth Fedde, who is now Sister Superior of the Brooklyn Motherhouse. When she left Minneapolis in 1890, the institution had 12 Sisters, a small home and $2,000 towards a larger hospital. At present there are 31 Sisters, 10 of them consecrated Deaconesses, trained partly in Christiania, Norway, partly in Minneapolis; 12 Probationers and 9 in the Preparatory course. The course of training is divided into a Preparatory course from October to February, and the Deaconesses' course from March to May. The Sisters of this Motherhouse supply a hospital in Grand Forks, N. Dak.; one in Hilsboro, N. Dak.; one in Sioux City, S. Dak.; and a Children's Home in Beloit, Iowa.

6. The Motherhouse in Baltimore.

Several years ago the General Synod appointed a Deaconess Board for the purpose of practically reviving this office among its churches. Its labors have been so far successful, that on the first of October a Deaconess Motherhouse and training-school was opened under its auspices in the City of Baltimore, whose churches had offered suitable accommodations for the establishment of such an institution.

"The object of this house," says the President of the Board, Rev. Dr. G. U. Wenner, "is to afford an opportunity to the young women of our Church to engage in the work of the Christian ministry in such forms as are appropriate, such as nursing, teaching, caring for the poor and neglected, and helping the pastor to look after and care for the flock. Its aim is to open to them

larger fields of usefulness in the service of the Church, and by technical training and effective organization to make them a new force in the extension of the Master's kingdom. The methods will be in harmony with those pursued in the Deaconess' Houses of Europe, with such adaptations as the special needs and conditions of America may suggest. The nucleus of the work has been secured in the Sisters who for several years past have been carefully trained for this purpose in this country and in Germany, and who are soon to be set apart for the special work in which they are about to engage. They will have charge of a hospital, a Christian school, and various branches of parish work. But all of this local service is simply the foundation of their principal work, that of training young women for similar service in other cities and congregations. In this work they will be aided by a competent faculty, selected from the pastors and physicians of Baltimore, who will impart instruction in the various branches of science and Christian literature.

"Two classes of young women will be welcomed to this House: First, those who, after serving a period of probation, desire to remain with us permanently, or for an indefinite period. Secondly, those who come to prepare themselves to be Christian workers or pastoral helpers in their own homes and congregations, and who remain with us therefore only long enough to obtain the requisite training."

Summary.

Summing up this brief survey, we find that there are 131 (or, if we include 8 in the course of preparatory training in Philadelphia, 139) Lutheran women engaged in the work of the Deaconess, or preparing for it. Their Motherhouses represent an aggregate value of about $700,000, and the amount spent on this work during the past year may be moderately estimated at $75,000. All the principal nationalities and languages of our Church in this country are simultaneously taking hold of this great and sacred cause, and whilst they all are anxious to conform to the best European models in all their essential features, they recognize the fact that for America certain modifications and adaptations may be necessary in order to secure for the Deaconess work the same regard and encouragement that it now enjoys in the Fatherland. We have good cause to be profoundly thankful for what has been achieved in this field by the Lutherans in America during the last decade. We may well rejoice that the

Church of the pure Word and Sacraments is taking such a lead in this blessed ministry of the female diaconate. But we cannot deceive ourselves as to the fact that after all we have made only a very modest beginning in this work; that the majority of our people are still profoundly ignorant and sadly indifferent concerning its claims and its blessings. We would therefore most respectfully urge it upon this venerable Body, that it should use its influence to arouse a warmer interest in this blessed work; and that in our Synodical meetings and Conferences a proper place be given to it alongside of our missionary and educational operations; that our individual pastors, and, through them, our congregations may be impressed with the importance of this work and our obligations towards it, so that the number of devout women may be quickly increased, who will cheerfully and for the Lord's sake respond to the urgent appeals of our Mother-houses for an increase of laborers.

For the benefit of those who are desirous to inform themselves more fully on the history, the principles and methods of the Female Diaconate, we take the liberty of mentioning a few books and treatises in German and English, that will be of use to the inquirer:

Th. Schaefer: Die weibliche Diakonie. 3 Bde.

J. Disselhoff: Jubilate (zum 50ten Jubiläum Kaiserswerths).

F. Meyer: Von der Diakonissin und ihrem Beruf.

E. Wacker: Der Diakonissenberuf.

E. Wacker: The Deaconess Calling, translated by Emma E. Endlich. Appendix by A. Spaeth, D.D. Mary J. Drexel Home, Philadelphia. Single copies, 50 cents.

Th. Schaefer: Im Dienst der Liebe.

Th. Schaefer: Diakonissen-Katechismus.

J. F. Ohl: Deaconesses and Their Work.

Annual of the Mary J. Drexel Home.

Jahrbuch des Mary J. Drexel Heim, printed for free distribution by the Mary J. Drexel Home.

Annals of the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses, published bimonthly at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

A. SPAETH, E. A. FOGELSTROM,
J. F. OHL, C. A. EVALD.

Pastor C. Goedel, of the Mary J. Drexel Home for Deaconesses in Philadelphia, by request addressed the Council.

The report was adopted, and the same Committee re-appointed, with the addition of Pastor Goedel.

Rev. G. C. Berkemeier presented the report of the Immigrant Mission Board and the audited account of its Treasurer, which were received and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

REPORT OF THE IMMIGRANT MISSION IN NEW YORK.

To the Venerable General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America:

Although immigration has considerably decreased during the past two years, still the missionary work among those arriving at our port has been continued with unabated zeal.

According to the report of the Emigrant House our mission has come in contact with 14,023 persons during the past two years, from the 1st of April, 1893, to the 1st of April, 1895. This amounts to scarcely half the number of former years; but whether many or few, our work among the strangers entering our gate was, in the main, the same as in former years.

The reception of immigrants immediately upon their arrival at Ellis Island; their lodgment, protection, and entertainment at our Mission House; the direction given to them for the journey to their place of destination, or assistance to suitable positions in New York City or vicinity; the spiritual advice imparted to all those we come in contact with privately, as well as in our regular daily Chapel services; the assistance rendered to poor and suffering immigrants, especially during the winter season; the distribution of Christian Literature among all, and the introduction and recommendation of those leaving us to the pastors of our Church at the place of their destination: this was in substance the work of the Missionary during the past two years,—a work which has been abundantly blessed, as is clearly shown by the annual reports of the Emigrant House of the past two years accompanying this report.

The many thousands who have come in contact with our Mission have not only been guided safely through New York City, but a goodly number of these have united all over the country with our dear Lutheran Church through the direct influence of our Mission. A great multitude of poor immigrants who could not continue their journey, especially during the inclement weather, but tarried without work and means in New York, took refuge in their pitiable condition in our Emigrant House, where, throughout the winter, meals were supplied to them gratuitously (on an average about 100 to 120 every day) until,

upon the arrival of spring, they could set out for work in the country.

In this way the immigrants have derived great benefits through the agency of our Mission, the very poor as well as those provided with means—the former by receiving assistance in their distress, and the latter by being protected from being swindled and robbed of what they had in their possession. How many have been benefited spiritually is only known to our Heavenly Father.

As regards the support given to our Mission, the report of our Treasurer shows that only a fragment is left. How much more could be accomplished if our work would be supported more liberally. As it is, we can hardly satisfy the most urgent demands; and as our missionary work is entirely dependent upon the voluntary gifts of our Christian brethren, we would request the venerable Council to recommend our work to a more general and liberal support.

Very respectfully,

THE IMMIGRANT MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.
W. HAUFF, Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer of the Immigrant Mission Committee

FOR THE TWO YEARS FROM JULY 1, 1893, TO JULY 1, 1895.

1893.			
July 1.	To Balance in Treasury for Immigrant Mission.	$658 27	
	To Balance in Treasury for Poor Immigrants..	5 21	
			$ 663 48
	RECEIPTS FOR IMMIGRANT MISSION.		
	Donations received from Synods, Congregations, Sunday-Schools, Ladies' Societies and individuals, as acknowledged in Church papers	$998 36	
	Legacy from Mrs. Josephine Mühle, Brooklyn, N. Y.	100 00	
			1,098 36
	RECEIPTS FOR POOR IMMIGRANTS.		
	Donations received as above		1,356 56
			$3,118 40
	DISBURSEMENTS FOR IMMIGRANT MISSION.		
	Salary of Missionary for two years	$1,200 00	
	Paid to Missionary Rev. L. H. Gerndt for services rendered	300 00	
	Expenses for Printing	25 57	
			$1,525 57

DISBURSEMENTS OUT OF TREASURY FOR POOR IMMIGRANTS.

221 cases of assistance to poor immigrants and for defraying traveling expenses	$486 40	
7,390 meals to poor immigrants out of work	369 50	
24,500 St. Andrew's Society coffee tickets	245 00	1,100 90
Total		$2,626 47

1895.

July 1.	To Balance for Immigrant Mission	$231 06	
	To Balance for poor Immigrants	260 87	491 93
			$3,118 40

NEW YORK, July 1, 1895.

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER, Treasurer.

NEW YORK, July 11, 1895.

Examined and found correct.

W. HAUFF.

LUD. F. J. ANGER.

Resolved, That the work of the Emigrant House is cordially commended to the liberality of our congregations.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AN ENGLISH CHURCH PAPER.

The Committee appointed to consider the question of an English Church Paper for the General Council, would respectfully submit the following propositions for your consideration:

Resolved, 1. That we recommend to the General Council the publication of an English weekly Church Paper, which shall present all the interests of the Church.

Resolved, 2. That a committee be elected to correspond with pastors and laymen belonging to the congregations of our Synods to learn what encouragement such an enterprise would receive.

Resolved, 3. That, as soon as the committee is satisfied that such a paper would be sufficiently supported to warrant its publication, it be authorized to issue the same, provided sufficient funds can be secured for the establishment of such a paper.

Resolved, 4. That a committee be appointed to nominate an editorial staff, defining its powers and duties, and report to this Convention.

G. W. SANDT,
G. A. BIERDEMANN,
M. L. WAGNER,
T. E. SCHMAUK,
J. C. KUNZMAN,
J. BOYD DUFF,
A. W. WILLIAMSON.

The report was then adopted, together with a resolution offered by Rev. J. C. Kunzman:

Resolved, That recognizing the help of "The Lutheran," "The Workman," and the "Lutheran Church Messenger" in promoting the interests of the General Council, this Committee be empowered to purchase the good will of these journals, if that, in their judgment, can be done at a just and reasonable price.

The time of adjournment was extended ten minutes.

The Committee to nominate an editorial staff consists of

Rev. Dr. M. C. Horine	Rev. J. A. W. Haas
" D. H. Geissinger	T. H. Diehl
" F. A. Kaehler	A. W. Williamson
" Dr. H. W. Roth	G. Boyd Duff
" G. E. Youngdahl	E. Aug. Miller
" Dr. S. Laird	

The unfinished Sunday-school business was made the Special Order for Tuesday at 9 A. M.

A footnote to the President's Report was authorized, stating that the Canada Synod difficulty has been settled.

Vice-President Seip was excused from further attendance.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. S. Laird, of Philadelphia. Adjourned.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 15, 9 A. M.

Rev. Dr. O. P. Smith, of Pottstown, Pa., led the opening service: Hymn 246, Psalm xlviii, prayer.

The Second Vice-President, Rev. J. C. Kunzman, occupied the chair to the close of the Convention.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The German Recording Secretary, Dr. Nicum, was, owing to indisposition, excused from further attendance.

The report on the Minutes of last Convention was made the Order for 11:30 o'clock.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

On motion of Rev. Theo. E. Schmauk,

Resolved, That the General Council Sunday-school Committee prepare and the Board of Publication publish the following Sunday-school apparatus, the same to be ready for use by Advent, 1896:

1. A two years' series of Biblical History Quarterlies for the scholars.

2. A two years' series of Biblical History Lesson Helps for the teacher.

3. A Calendar of Lessons from Scripture extending over a period of one year, and divided into quarters.

4. A two years' course of Quarterly Scripture Lesson Helps for the teacher.

5. A Lesson Quarterly, containing a three months' course of lessons, questions, and explanations for scholars.

6. A cheap paper edition of Luther's Catechism, to be distributed to Sunday-school scholars, and sold to schools at the lowest possible price.

7. A one year's Calendar of Continuous Scripture Readings for the use of classes that are to read extended parts or books of the Bible.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Loch,

Resolved, The Editorial Committee for Sunday-school publications be so constituted as to represent the English, German, and Swedish languages, and be charged to confer with the German and Swedish brethren in order to learn to what extent it is feasible for them to adopt the Sunday-school system agreed upon.

On motion of Rev. T. E. Schmauk,

Resolved, That the General Council recommend to the Synods and congregations the adoption of the proposed plan of Sunday-school instruction.

On motion of Dr. H. W. Roth,

Resolved, That the Board of Publication, acting on the advice of the Sunday-school Committee, be authorized to publish or secure a fit series of pictures, illustrating Old and New Testament History, and also, in chart form, the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer, for use in our Sunday-schools.

A committee was appointed to nominate the Sunday-school Committee: Revs. D. K. Kepner, A. L. Yount, S. E. Ochsenford, D. M. Kemerer and S. A. Ziegenfuss.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF EDITORIAL COMMITTEE OF ENGLISH CHURCH PAPER.

Your Committee appointed to make nominations for the editorial staff of the General Council's paper, and to define the powers and duties of the said Editorial Committee, would respectfully report the followng recommendatons:

I. That the Council elect (a) An Editor-in-Chief.

(b) A Managing Editor.

II. 1. That the Editor-in-Chief have general supervision

of the paper, and especially of all matters affecting its doctrinal position. It is also recommended that he receive a compensation of not less than five hundred dollars ($500) per annum.

2. That the Managing Editor have full charge of the management of the paper in detail, editorial, financial and otherwise not hereinbefore expressly reserved. It also recommends that he receive a salary of not less than fifteen hundred ($1,500) dollars per annum.

III. It would place in nomination for

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF—The Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., LL. D.

MANAGING EDITOR—The Rev. George W. Sandt.

It further recommends as

STAFF CORRESPONDENTS:

The Rev. Prof. M. H. Richards, D. D.
The Rev. W. A .Passavant.
Prof. C. W. Foss.
The Rev. Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D. D.
The Rev. F. A. Kaehler.

M. C. HORINE,
D. H. GEISSINGER,
SAMUEL LAIRD,
JOHN A. W. HAAS,
F. A. KAEHLER.
GEO. E. YOUNGDAHL,
J. BOYD DUFF,
T. H. DIEHL,
A. W. WILLIAMSON,

The report, with its recommendations and nominations, was adopted.

On motion of Rev. T. E. Schmauk,

Resolved, That the Managing Editor be made a member of the Correspondence Committee (Church Paper Ways and Means Committee.)

On motion of Mr. T. H. Diehl,

Resolved, That the Committee to Canvass for Subscribers to the contemplated English Church Paper be authorized to proceed to issue such paper as soon as a financial guarantee of at least ten thousand dollars ($10,000) in donations, subscriptions, advertisements, or other good assets, be at its disposal.

Rev. Dr. Belfour read

THE REPORT ON INTERFERENCE WITH GERMAN HOME MISSIONARY WORK IN WESTERN CANADA.

Your Committee has been charged with the duty of giving expression to the judgment and feelings of this General Council

on an item in the report of the Board of German Home Missions. That Board, about seven years ago, received an urgent call from the scattered Germans in Manitoba and the Northwest Territory of Canada, to provide for their spiritual wants, as they were as sheep without a shepherd. A prompt response was made to this call and a goodly number of devoted and self-denying missionaries were sent into the vast and difficult field. The blessing of God rested on their labors, congregations were organized, and the Gospel was preached and the Sacraments were administered to them in strict accord with the teachings and spirit of our Lutheran Church.

But, at this juncture, an effort to disturb and distract this good work was commenced and has been carried on systematically and unscrupulously. It is painful to be compelled to say that this interference comes from men bearing our name, members of the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church. They have gone into our mission congregations and tried to tear them away from their connection with us, and they have done so by false representations and accusations. They have accused this Council and its missionaries of false and heretical doctrine, when they know the fact that we receive and have confessed before God and men all the Confessional standards of our Church, without any mental reservations. They have thus been guilty of bearing false witness against a great host of Christian people and of rending the body of Christ, clearly prompted by a spirit essentially sectarian and partisan.

We therefore enter our solemn protest against this unchristian and injurious action of the Missouri Synod in this case, as dishonorable to those concerned in it, destructive to the peace and prosperity of the Church of Christ, and offensive to God.

Edmund Belfour,
H. W. Roth,
R. K. Buehrle.

After the reading of the report, on motion of Dr. Spaeth,

Resolved, That the President of the General Council, together with the German Corresponding Secretary of the General Council, after consultation with the German Home Mission Committee, is instructed to make the proper representations to the authorities of the Missouri Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST CONVENTION.

Your Committee would respectfully call attention to the following items:

1. Has the Church Book Committee issued the Revised Edition of the Sunday School Book?—Page 19 (1).

2. Has the German Editorial Committee of the Church Book Committee prepared a revised edition of the German Sunday-school Book?—Page 19 (3).

3. Have the changes in the Charter of the Chicago Seminary been made in compliance with the request of the Council?—Page 61.

4. When shall the report of the Committee on Young People's Associations be taken up for consideration?—Page 87.

5. Have the Corresponding Secretaries communicated with the representative Lutheran Bodies throughout the world and urged them to approve of arbitration as against war?—Pages 87, 88.

6. Are the Committees on Constitution for Congregations and District Synods, and on Divine Law of Marriage ready to report at this session?—Page 95.

7. How many Synods have adopted the suggestions of the Committee on Statistics with reference to the parochial reports?—Page 109.

JOHN A. W. HAAS,
S. E. OCHSENFORD,
ALFRED RAMSEY,
JOHN J. WEIMER,
A. G. SAEGER,
A. W. WILLIAMSON.

To these queries the following replies were made, and action taken:

1. Reported on by Church Book Committee.

2. **Resolved, That an Appendix of at least fifty additional hymns be added to the German Sunday-school Book.**

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee be instructed to select a number of additional hymns and print them as an Appendix to the hymnological part of the "Kirchenbuch."

3. Changes in Charter made.

4. Made Special Order for 2 P. M., and then deferred until next Convention.

5. Committee on Arbitration not ready to report. Committee continued under the same instructions as formerly.

6. Committee on Constitution for District Synods discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Committee on Divine Law of Marriage reports progress. Committee continued, and ordered to report at next Convention.

7. Suggestion virtually adopted by all Synods.

Prayer by Rev. Philip Doerr, Delmont, Pa. Adjourned.

TENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 15, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. Frederick W. Weiskotten, of Philadelphia. Hymn 316, Psalm cxlv, and prayer.

THANKS.

On motion of Dr. Horine

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Council are due, and are hereby tendered to the Lutheran pastors and congregations of Easton for the very kind and hospitable entertainment given to it during its sessions in this place, and also to the press for the very full and accurate reports of its proceedings.

MELANCHTHON QUARTO-CENTENNIAL.

On motion of Dr. Jacobs,

Resolved, That February 16, 1897, being the Quarto-centenary of the birth of Philip Melanchthon, the great theologian of the Reformation, as well as the renowned classical teacher of Germany, we request that the day be celebrated with appropriate services commemorative of his gifts and services, in all Colleges and Theological Seminaries connected with the General Council.

DOCTRINAL CHANGES.

On motion of Dr. Jacobs,

Resolved, That no original motion affecting the doctrinal position of the Council be entertained until the succeeding session after it is moved, nor until it be first printed and placed in the hands of the delegates.

BUSINESS OF NEXT CONVENTION.

On motion of Dr. Jacobs,

Resolved, That the Executive Committee* shall meet the day be-

* *"The officers of the General Council shall form the General Executive Committee to whom shall be referred for advice, decision, or execution, any matters which a majority of the Council may see fit to commit to them."—Constitution, Art. II., Sec. 7.

fore the assembling of the next Convention, and arrange the business of the Council, with a special view to the matters referred to the Council by the District Synods and the preceding Convention; and to this Committee shall be referred the Credentials of delegates.

Resolved, That the forenoon of the second day be devoted to the discussion of the Fundamental Principles of Faith of the Council.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE A COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Your Committee to nominate a Committee on Sunday-school Work would respectfully present the following names:

Rev. Prof. M. H. Richards.
" T. E. Schmauk.
" J. E. Whitteker.
" Prof. R. F. Weidner.
" F. A. Kaehler.
" G. W. Sandt.
" G. C. F. Haas.
Rev. G. W. Mechling.
" J. C. F. Rupp.
" D. H. Geissinger.
" W. K. Frick.
Mr. A. G. Anderson.
Prof. R. K. Buehrle.

D. K. Kepner, A. L. Yount,
S. E. Ochsenford, D. M. Kemerer,
S. A. Ziegenfuss.

Nominations confirmed.

The Chair appointed Dr. Jacobs, Rev. G. W. Mechling and Dr. Belfour a Committee to nominate and on their nomination the Council elected the

COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS FOR THE PROPOSED ENGLISH CHURCH PAPER.

Rev. J. C. Kunzman.
" T. E. Schmauk.
" G. A. Bierdemann.
" S. A. Ziegenfuss.
Rev. G. W. Sandt
Prof. Wm. M. Swingle.
Hon. C. R. Lantz.

ENGLISH CHURCH PAPER.

On motion,

Resolved, That, in case of vacancies in the Editorial Staff, the Ways and Means Committee, in conjunction with the Editor-in-Chief, fill all vacancies, and that the Committee be empowered to add to its number.

On motion of Rev. D. H. Geissinger,

Resolved, That, in case of a vacancy in the position of Editor-in-Chief, the Staff Correspondents have authority to fill the vacancy.

Through Dr. Seip, the Committee appointed to consider the letter received from the Alleghany County's Superintendent of

the Sunday-school Department of the W. C. T. U., on observing a special Temperance Sunday, reported that the communication was not in such form that the Council could take action on it, which report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING THE CONSTITUTION, OFFICIAL DECLARATIONS, ETC.

Your Committee appointed to publish the Constitution, Official Declarations, Rules, Regulations, etc., of the General Council, would respectfully report that "The Constitution, By-Laws, and Charter of the General Council," constituting the first part of its work, have been printed and can be obtained from the Agent of our Publication Board. It was the intention of the General Council that the completed work should include the Constitution for Synods, as well as those for Relief Associations and for Young People's Societies. These Constitutions have not been prepared, and we would therefore respectfully ask for instructions in reference thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Spaeth,

F. W. Weiskotten.

Explanations were made showing why the Constitutions mentioned in this report have not been printed, and it was

Resolved, That the Committee be instructed to complete its work and publish the same without said Constitutions.

Rev. S. E. Ochsenford presented and Council adopted the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Your Committee on Statistics begs leave to present the following report on the statistics of the Synods, the educational and the benevolent institutions of the General Council:

General Council Statistics of 1895.

I. SYNODS.

No. of Synods.	Name.	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicant Members.	Parochial Schools.	Teachers.	Puplis.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions for Missions, etc., as reported in Parochial Reports of Synod.
*1	Ministerium of Pennsylvania....	1748	314	484	120,245	16	20	941	389	8,286	76,855	$63,065.41
2	Ministerium of New York.....	1786	145	143	47,641	61	79	3,695	155	3,300	33,277	41,202.00
17	Pittsburgh Synod.....	1845	125	212	25,202	..	..	.....	172	1,727	18,578	19,698.51
33	District Synod of Ohio.....	1857	35	67	8,718	..	..	.....	50	693	5,680	3,136.79
34	Augustana Synod.....	1860	402	793	106,271	337	459	18,747	601	4,928	39,043	98,031.95
39	Canada Synod.....	1861	40	79	11,414	25	16	805	56	486	3,706	4,067.79
45	Chicago Synod.....	1871	19	34	3,214	..	..	.....	24	177	2,040	2,000.00
59	English Synod of the Northwest	1891	11	10	944	..	..	.....	10	18	1,004	700.84
	8 Total.....		1,091	1,786	323,649	439	574	24,188	1,453	19,715	180,183	$241,903.29

* In order of Organization.

II. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

Synod.	Name.	Founded.	Location.	President.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	Volumes in Library.	Professors.	Students.	Stud'ts having Ministry in view.
34	Augustana.....	1860	Rock Island, Ill...	O. Olsson, D. D.....	(1)	(1)	(1)	4	46	46
	Chicago.....	1891	Chicago, Ill.....	R. F. Weidner, D. D. LL. D.	$50,000	(2)	1,500	6	38	38
1	Philadelphia.....	1864	Philadelphia, Pa..	C.W. Schaeffer, D.D., LL.D.	130,000	129,000	21,000	6	90	90
	3 Total.....	....	.....	.....	$180,000	$129,000	22,500	16	174	174

(1) Reported under Colleges. (2) No Endowment.

III. COLLEGES.

Synod.	Name.	Founded.	Location.	President.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	Volumes in Library.	Professors.	Students.	Stud'ts having Ministry in view.
34	Augustana	1860	Rock Island, Ill.	O. Olsson, D. D.	$225,000	$30,000	15,000	24	425	50
34	Bethany	1882	Lindsborg, Kan.	Rev. C. A. Swensson, Ph. D.	125,000	(2)	5,000	24	444	(3)
34	Gustavus Adolphus	1862	St. Peter, Minn.	Rev. M. Wahlstrom, Ph. D.	75,000	(2)	9,000	16	266	60
34	Martin Luther	1893	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. L. G. Abrahamson	150,000	(2)	(3)	4	21	(3)
1	Muhlenberg	1867	Allentown, Pa.	Theo. L. Seip, D. D.	100,000	135,000	10,000	11	145	72
17	Thiel	1870	Greenville, Pa.	T. B. Roth, D. D.	60,000	70,000	5,000	13	178	28
34	Upsala	1893	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Rev. L. H. Beck, Ph. D.	3,000	(2)	(3)	6	75	10
2	Wagner	1883	Rochester, N. Y.	J. Nicum, D. D	40,000	(2)	600	6	49	34
	8 Total				$778,000	$235,000	44,600	104	1603	254

IV. ACADEMIES.

Synod.	Name.	Founded.	Location.	President.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	Volumes in Library.	Professors.	Students.	Stud'ts having Ministry in view.
34	Emanuel Academy.	1888	Minneapolis, Minn.	Rev. A. J. Enstam	$1,550	(2)	(3)	5	53	6
17	Greensburg Sem'y.	1880	Greensburg, Pa.	Prof. W. M. Swingle, Ph. D.	35,000	(2)	(3)	12	325	(3)
34	Hope Academy	1888	Moorhead, Minn.	Rev. S. G. Swensson	22,500	(2)	500	5	75	(3)
34	Luther Academy.	1883	Wahoo, Neb.	Prof. S. M. Hill	21,700	(2)	900	7	130	10
34	Mamrelund, N. S.	1888	Stanton, Ia.	Prof. A. W. Johnson		(2)	300	4	57	(3)
	4 Total				$45,700		1,700	21	345	16
	Grand Total..15..				$1,003,700	$364,000	68,000	140	2132	444

(2) No Endowment. (3) No Report furnished.

V. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS—ORPHANS' HOMES.

Synod.	Name.	Founded.	Location.	Superintendent.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	No. of Inmates.
1	Ev. Luth. Orphans' Home...	1859	Germantown, Pa.....	Rev. Geo. Ph. Mueller...	$60,000	$60,824	74
17	Ev. Luth. Orphans' Home...	1853	Zelienople, Pa.....	Rev. J. A. Kribbs.....	50,000	(2)	74
2	Home for Boys	1864	Sulphur Springs, N. Y.....	Rev. H. Merz.....	50,000	11,000	46
2	Home for Girls	1864	Buffalo, N. Y.....	Rev. H. Merz.....			47
34	Orphans' Home, Swedish....	1865	Vasa, Minn.....	Mr. L. Melin.....	17,750	(2)	56
34	Orphans' Home, Swedish....	1867	Andover, Ill.....	Mr. A. E. Monell	15,000	(2)	44
34	Orphans' Home, Swedish....	1880	Mariedahl, Kan.....	Mr. B. Berg.....	12,680	(2)	33
34	Orphans' Home, Swedish....	1881	Stanton, Ia.....	Mr. C. G. Lind.....	17,000	(2)	35
34	Orphans' Home, Swedish....	1891	Joliet, Ill.....	.....	16,000	(2)	(3)
	Wartburg.....	1866	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.....	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier...	150,000	(2)	115
39	Bethesda.....	1894	Wellesley, Can.....	Rev. H. Walbaum.....	(3)	(3)	(3)
	11 Total	.....	.....	.....	$388,430	$71,824	523

(2) No Endowment. (3) No Report furnished.

VI. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS—HOSPITALS, Etc.

Synod.	Name.	Founded.	Location.	Superintendent.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	No. of Inmates.
1	Aged, Asylum for	1859	Germantown, Pa	Rev. Geo. Ph. Mueller	$20,000	(3)	39
1	Deaconess Home, M. J. Drexel	1866	Philadelphia, Pa	Mr. J. D. Lankenau, Pres. Rev. C. Goedel, Pastor. Wanda von Oertzen, Superior.	600,000	(2)	....
	Children's Hospital	1889					341
	Deaconess Home	1888					42
	Francisca Home	1895					25
	German Hospital	1860					2380
	Girls' School	1890					47
	Home for Aged	1889					40
	Little Children's Ger. School	1893					46
	Parish Work	1890					2
	Nursing in German Hospital	1886					25
	Nursing in Easton Hospital	1891					2
34	Deaconess Home, Immanuel	1890	Monmouth Park, Omaha	Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom	10,000	(2)	20
34	Deaconess Home and Hospital	1884	Chicago, Ill	Miss Lottie Fried	60,000	(2)	198
	Deaconess Hospital	1863	Milwaukee, Wis	Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus. D.	200,000	(2)	42
34	Hospital, Bethesda	1880	St. Paul, Minn	Rev. C. A. Hultkrans	38,800	(2)	225
	Hospital	1872	Jacksonville, Ill	Rev. W. A. Passavant	(3)	(3)	(3)
	Hospital, Emergency	1885	Chicago, Ill	Rev. W. A. Passavant	50,000	(2)	(3)
34	Hospital, Immanuel	1890	Omaha, Neb	Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom	40,000	(2)	250
	Hospital, Passavant Mem	1849	Pittsburgh, Pa	Rev. W. A. Passavant	(3)	(3)	(3)
34	Hospital, Augustana	1884	Chicago, Ill	Rev. S. J. Ohman	122,890	(2)	562
	20 Total				$1,141,690		4286

(2) No Endowment. (3) No Report furnished.

S. E. Ochsenford, J. Nicum, T. H. Diehl, Committee.

The report was received and ordered to be entered in the Minutes. The Committee was re-appointed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

We, your Committee on Minutes of District Synods, beg leave to report as follows:

Abstracts of the proceedings and statistics of the different District Synods were placed in your Committee's hands for examination, and have been placed in the hands of the secretaries. In these abstracts we find the following for the Council's consideration:

1. Ministerium of Pennsylvania:

Resolved, That this Synod request the General Council to furnish additional hymns for the "Kirchenbuch" as soon as possible.

2. Chicago Synod:

Resolved, That we request the General Council to prepare and print an Ordination Certificate suitable for the use of the District Synods.

M. L. WAGNER,
F. W. E. PESCHAU,
T. E. SCHMAUK,
F. KRACKE,
ALFRED HOLMES.

Item 1 already attended to.

Under item 2, on motion,

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee be instructed to prepare an Ordination Certificate in English.

(See Abstracts on page 86.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF DR. W. A. PASSAVANT.

The Committee, consisting of Dr. H. W. Roth, Dr. M. C. Horine and Rev. F. A. Kaehler, presented, and the General Council adopted, the following Minute by a rising vote:

Minute on the Death

OF THE

Rev. William Alfred Passavant, D.D.

Born at Zelienople, Pa., October 9, 1821.
Died at Pittsburgh, Pa., June 3, 1894.

The Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D., departed this life "in Christ and in peace," at his home in Pittsburgh, Pa., June 3, 1894.

Our venerable father and brother was one of the founders of this General Body. Eminently wise in counsel, persistent and prayerful in zeal, untiring in labors, strong and pure in character and life, and endowed with a most winning and magnetic personality, he was a powerful factor in fixing and determining the principles, in providing and organizing the agencies and in establishing the institutions which have brought to the General Council her exalted position and commanding influence in the Lutheran Church of America.

His efforts and offerings in behalf of the educational interests of the Church, whether through the Press, the Academy, the College, or the Theological Seminary, were second to none. The many missions and churches which he organized and edified, proclaim his great and sterling abilities as pastor and preacher.

His consecrated heart, moved by the love of God, led him to plan for the relief of the Orphan and Widow, the care of the Aged and Infirm, the help of the Sick and Suffering; and, among the devoted host that toiled and wept and prayed in these great fields of human want and woe, he stood easily first and foremost, the recognized pioneer and leader of the Church in the practical activities through which she administered her benefactions in the several departments of Christian Mercy.

We thank God for the useful, protracted, and honored life with which He blessed this devoted servant, and, through him, the General Council and the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our hearts rejoice in the peace which attended his happy departure, and in the blessed hope that he now rests from his labors, whilst his works do follow him.

For his bereaved wife and family we entreat the helpful presence of the glorious consolation which the promises and Spirit of our ever-adorable Saviour alone can impart.

In behalf of the institutions which the prayers and labors of our sainted brother called into existence and in behalf of those to whom their oversight and administration have been committed, we invoke the constant blessing and abiding help and guidance of Almighty God.

ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

I. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

The Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States held its 147th annual convention from May 17th to 23d, 1894, in St. John's German Ev. Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Revs. Prof. Dr. A. Spaeth and G. C. Eisenhardt, pastors; and its 148th annual convention from June 6th to 12th, 1895, in St. Mark's English Ev. Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Rev. Dr. Samuel Laird, pastor.

Since the last Convention of the General Council five ministers belonging to the Ministerium died; 19 were honorably dismissed to other Synods of the General Council; 2 withdrew to unite with other Lutheran Synods; 18 were received from other Synods, and 33 candidates were ordained to the office of the ministry. The Ministerium now has on its roll 314 ministers; and 484 congregations, with 120,245 confirmed members. It has 16 parochial schools, with 941 pupils. Its Sunday-schools number 389, with 8,286 officers and teachers, and 76,855 scholars.

The contributions during the past year for congregational objects amounted to $472,866.36; for Synodical and charitable purposes, apportioned and unapportioned, $63,065.41, a grand total of $535,931.77. The Ministerium aided 61 students during the past year in their preparation for the ministry, and 47 missions on its own territory. The English and German-English Synodical Missions are under the care of the Ministerium's Superintendent of Missions, the Rev. W. Ashmead Schaeffer, who was appointed September, 1893. The German Missions are under the care of the Philadelphia German Conference. The Ministerium contributed during the past year for its beneficiary students in the Theological Seminary and the Colleges, $6,162.-$6,111.39; for the General Council's English Home Missions, 50; for its Synodical Missions, $11,754.70; for Foreign Missions, $8,484.90; for the General Council's German Home Missions, $1,757.48; for Church Extension, $2,299.73; and for the Orphans' Home at Germantown, $8,789.14.

The institutions of the Ministerium continue to prosper under the Divine blessing. The Orphans' Home at Germantown reports 74 children under its care, and the Asylum 39 aged and infirm.

The endowment amounts to $60,824.85.

The receipts for the year ending April 1, 1895, were $12,-853.40; balance April 1, 1894, $2,245.58; total, $15,098.98; the expenditures, $13,540, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $1,558.98.

The Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy is in a prosperous condition, having received large additions to its funds since the meeting of the Ministerium. A more detailed statement of these benefactions, however, properly belongs to the next report.

At the annual convention in 1894, the Rev. Prof. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., LL. D., after long and faithful service, resigned the Burkhalter Professorship. As chairman of the Faculty and Professor emeritus, he continues to render valuable services to the institution. Rev. Prof. G. F. Spieker, D. D., was elected at the same time as the Burkhalter professor, and entered upon his duties September, 1894.

At the same meeting, the Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D. D., was elected to the German professorship of the Ministerium, made vacant by the death of the Rev. Dr. W. J. Mann. The German Professorship of the Ministerium of New York, of which Dr. Spaeth had been the incumbent, has since remained vacant. Negotiations to fill the professorship have been in progress between the two Synods, and it is hoped that arrangements will be completed in due time that will be satisfactory to all concerned. The number of students in the Seminary last year was 88. It has now reached about 100.

Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, Pa., has enjoyed two of the most prosperous years in its history, in the large attendance in its College classes, all the students pursuing the regular course for the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The number now in this course is 107. About fifty per cent. of its graduates prepare for the ministry, nearly all taking their theological course at our Seminary at Mt. Airy.

The Mother House of Deaconesses (Mary J. Drexel Home) successfully continues to do the blessed work for which it was founded. Its sisterhood now embraces 42, to wit: 18 deaconesses and 24 probationers. They are serving the following stations:

1. The German Hospital in Philadelphia, where they cared

for 2,541 sick during the year. In the clinic 24,629 cases were treated.

2. The Children's Hospital in the Mary J. Drexel Home, where they cared for 341 patients. In the clinic for children, 5,928 cases were treated.

3. The Old People's Home in the same building is filled, and 30 applicants are waiting to be received. Its capacity is 39.

4. The Girls' School attained the highest number of boarders in its history, 35. In addition to these there were 12 day scholars.

5. The Francisca Home for Children in Germantown. Two sisters devote their entire time to the care of 25 children from 1 to 7 years of age.

6. The Hospital at Easton has been enlarged and will require additional help. 442 patients have been cared for by the sisters.

7. The latest work undertaken is St. John's Home for the Aged in Allegheny, Pa.

The Year-Book of the institution contains a full report of its affairs, and is issued in German and English.

The second volume of the Halle Reports has been completed, containing a reprint of the original text from the point where Dr. Mann's notes stopped. It is hoped that this valuable work may have a large circulation among such as are interested in the history of our Church in this country.

In the Ninth Session of the meeting of 1894 it was

Resolved, That this Synod request the General Council to furnish additional hymns for the "Kirchenbuch" as soon as possible.

The next annual convention of the Ministerium will be held in St. John's English Ev. Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa., Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass, pastor, on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1896.

THEODORE L. SEIP, President.

II. The Ministerium of New York.

The New York Ministerium held two meetings since the last meeting of the General Council, the first, June 6-11, 1894, in St. John's Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. J. Brezing, pastor; the other, June 20-25, 1895, in St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. J. J. Heischmann, D. D., pastor.

There are now on the roll of the Synod 145 ministers serv-

ing 143 congregations, of which 107 are in official connection with the Synod. The entire number of communicants under the care of Synodical pastors is 47,641. The Sunday-schools number 155, with 3,300 teachers and 33,277 pupils. The parochial schools of all kinds are 61 in number, the teachers active in them, including pastors who teach, 109, the pupils 3,695. During the past year the contributions for specific Synodical purposes amounted to $8,806.44; for all church and benevolent purposes, exclusive of moneys expended for congregational purposes, $41,202.00; for all congregational purposes, $335,245.71. The Executive Committee of the Synod gave financial aid to 10 mission congregations and to 20 young men preparing for the Gospel ministry. Wagner College was attended by about 50 students during the past year. The total expenses of the institution during the year were $8,200. Its financial status has improved. The College suffered a loss in the resignation of its Director, Rev. J. Steinhauser, who accepted a call to another field of labor. No permanent Director has as yet been secured. The functions of the office are temporarily administered by Rev. Dr. Nicum.

The Synod at its meeting had a doctrinal discussion on the Inspiration of Holy Scripture.

The establishment of a Synodical organ in the German language was resolved on, and a committee elected with power to carry out the project.

The Synod of Buffalo having expressed a desire to confer with representatives of the New York Ministerium on certain points of doctrine and practice, on which it was supposed there might be a different understanding in the two bodies, in order to bring about a better understanding and closer relations, a committee was appointed to meet with the representatives of the Buffalo Synod. The two committees held several informal conferences and discussed, among other subjects, the doctrine of the Divine Inspiration of Holy Writ, the doctrine of the Church and the Office of the Ministry, and the question of Secret Societies. The result of the conferences was that the two bodies were enabled to express fraternal regard for each other and resolved to recognize each other's actions within certain limits, especially where they refer to the discipline of congregations occupying the same or neighboring fields.

During the past two years 7 German and 3 English Missions were established within the bounds of the Synod.

The Synodical Constitution is to be thoroughly revised and amended, a committee for this purpose having been appointed.

GEORGE C. F. HAAS, President.

III. The Pittsburgh Synod.

Since the last meeting of the General Council, the Pittsburgh Synod has held two conventions,—one at Pittsburgh, September 18 to 25, 1894; the other at Jeannette, Pa., August 26 to September 2, 1895.

The Parochial Tables present the following statistics: Ministers, 125; congregations, 212; members, 25,202; infant baptisms, 4,142; confirmations, 4,872; Sunday-schools, 172; scholars, 18,578.

Contributions—Synodical purposes, $18,674.52; General Council Home Missions, $5,290.64; Total contributions, $312,859.96.

Within the bounds of the Synod many changes have taken place in the pastoral relations.

Four deaths have occurred, among which was that of Rev. Dr. W. A. Passavant, who assisted in the organization of the Synod, and to whose influence and untiring energy and zeal much of the success of this body was owing.

As heretofore, this Synod has been vigorously prosecuting the work of Home Missions. The occupancy and cultivation of the field has taxed its ability to its utmost. Twenty-two Missions have been supported, and sixteen young men have been aided in their preparation for the Gospel ministry.

This body is now celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of its organization, and is engaged in an effort to raise $50,000 as a Jubilee Fund.

The only matter referred to the Council is the following:

Resolved, That the delegates to the General Council be instructed to bring to the attention of the General Council the matter of the establishment of a Church Paper for the English part of the General Council; and that it is the sense of this Synod that such paper should be published as soon as practicable.

D. M. KEMERER, Secretary.

IV. District Synod of Ohio.

The 38th Annual Convention of this body was held in Doylestown, O., May 24 to 27, 1894, 27 ministerial and 17 lay-delegates being in attendance. During the year three pastors had been dismissed to other Synods, and two were received at this

Convention. The statistical tables showed: Infant baptisms, 416; adult baptisms, 73; confirmations, 335; received from Lutheran congregations, 149, from other Churches, 37; restorations, 6. Losses: By death, 129; by removal, 138; by exclusion, 29; marriages, 251; funerals, 253.

Contributions to current expenses, $20,143.69; special expenses, $7,361.53; Foreign Missions, $177.83; Home Missions, $520.23; Church Extension, $242.54; Synodical Treasury, $1,642.44; charitable objects, $328.36.

Sunday-schools and Church Societies, 79; membership, 5,601; contributions for Missions, $458.47; for charitable objects, $439.68; for local objects, $5,412.13.

The Synod aided in supporting four Missions at an expense of $611.10, and six students at an expense of $910.

Synod at this Convention urged upon the attention of her congregations the resolution of the General Council, setting aside Epiphany Sunday as the time for holding special Foreign Mission Services.

The 39th Convention was held at Lewisburg, O., June 13 to 17, 1895. There were 29 ministerial and 17 lay-delegates in attendance. During the year three pastors were dismissed to other General Council Synods; one, Rev. T. W. Corbet, had died; one was received at this Convention; and four young men were ordained. The Synod at present consists of 35 ministers, serving 68 congregations, with 8,990 members. There are 50 Sunday-schools, with 5,573 membership.

Accessions during the year were: Confirmations, 401; adult baptisms, 68; from Lutheran Churches, 141; from other Churches, 35; restorations, 5. The losses were: By death, 123; by certificate, 64; by removal, 58; by exclusion, 14.

Infant baptisms, 432; marriages, 189; funerals, 293.

Contributions for local objects, $33,581.61; for special objects, $6,187.32; for Foreign Missions, $367.12; Home Missions, G. C., $516.08; Church Extension, $213.82; Synodical Treasury, $1,670.51; other charitable objects, $821.19. The Sunday-schools, together with 35 Church societies, contributed $3,292.45 for local objects; $650.10 for Missions, and $187.91 for other benevolent objects.

The Synod aided 8 Missions in its bounds at an expense of $960.50; and supported in part seven students at an outlay of $980.

Rev. G. W. Mechling was re-elected Synod's representative on the General Council Committee on Sunday-school Work.

Three new Missions were organized by the Synod, and $1,400 were appropriated for mission work this present year.

During Lent the several parishes were visited by Rev. J. Telleen, the Superintendent of Foreign Missions, with very gratifying results.

The Fortieth Annual Convention will be held in Trinity Church, Versailles, O., Rev. J. A. Linn, pastor, beginning on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1896.

A. F. SIEBERT, President.

V. Augustana Synod.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Augustana Synod was held in Chicago, June 6-15, 1895. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. P. J. Sward, D. D., on Eph. 6:10-20, "The Church Militant." Eighty-two pastors and fifty-two lay delegates were present. This was the first meeting of the Synod as a delegate body.

The President's report was a very full and comprehensive document. He referred to the chastening of our land inflicted by the Lord during the past year. We have great reason to thank God that, notwithstanding the depression everywhere, we have been enabled to carry on our work in all its departments by means of gifts quite liberal, all things considered. We pray God that the same spirit of piety, coupled with orthodoxy, which animated our fathers, may continue in us, notwithstanding our changed conditions. The Synod rejoices because of the faithful and pious pastors God has given it, although in some respects we have cause for sorrow and fear. There is danger of love's becoming cold. May the Synod, therefore, pray God to retain us in brotherly love, that we may continue to be one in God and one with each other.

We are glad that our churches have had Gustavus Adolphus festivals. This proves that we value the faith which we inherited from the fathers, and for which the sons of Sweden gave life and blood on the soil of Germany. These festivals have strengthened the bond of Church and national unity, which we desire sacredly to maintain.

We thank God for the power of the Gospel in truth and purity, as shown in the inner and outer life of our churches;

and where there has been a falling into sin our Saviour's words in Matt. xviii have been adhered to. The Conferences are kindly requested so to change their Constitutions as to conform to the new Constitution of the Synod.

It has pleased God abundantly to bless our "Book Concern" at Rock Island. We have an excellent Board and a very competent manager. The work has greatly developed. We have the New Testament and the Psalms in an excellent edition. As soon as the Church of Sweden shall have a new, approved translation, we desire to publish an edition of our own. To this cause we will devote the yearly offerings which have heretofore gone to "The American Bible Society."

The officers of the Synod are: Rev. P. J. Sward, President; Rev. M. C. Ranseen, Vice-President; Rev. Theodore Kjellgren, Secretary, and Mr. C. G. Thulin, Treasurer.

Augustana College and Seminary has real estate valued at $133,128; and total resources amounting to $195,447. The total indebtedness is $69,587.

The Emigrant Mission employs Mr. Carl Schuch as its missionary at New York. As soon as possible we purpose to build an "Emigrant Home" in New York city.

In Utah our Mission work has been carried on by Rev. Messrs. Martin, Gunberg and Peterson. In Florida, Rev. Mr. Axelsson has labored faithfully. He has also begun work in Mississippi. In Montana Rev. A. G. Olson has labored since the beginning of this year.

During the past thirty-five years our Synod has raised for Home Missions, $30,641; for Foreign Missions, $41,254, and for the Utah Mission, $23,255.

The Augustana Synod consists of eight Conferences. It has 401 pastors, 793 congregations, 636 church buildings, 284 parsonages. The total valuation of Church property is $3,767,728, with an indebtedness of $657,299. The communicant members number 106,271; the total membership is 176,765. Chidren baptized last year, 8,644; adults, 17; confirmed, 4,437. Members received by letters, 2,717; by profession, 5,591; children received, 3,594. Removed: Adults, 3,568; children, 1,580. Dismissed: Adults, 1,043; children, 895; excommunicated, 186; dropped, 3,913. Marriages performed, 2,911. Sunday-school teachers, 4,928; Sunday-school scholars, 39,043. Parochial schools: Weeks of teaching, 3,882; teachers, 459;

scholars, 18,747; congregations having parochial schools, 337; those not having parochial schools, 452. Contributions: Towards the Synodical treasury, $1,570; Conference treasury, $1,054; Educational treasury, $26,088; Home Missions, $28,197; Foreign Missions, $7,159; other Charitable purposes, $33,960; Regular expenses, $608,868; total Expenditures, $706,894.

The Woman's Missionary Society reports $2,891. The Church Extension Society reports $5,174. The Pastors' Aid Society reports $655. The Lutheran Augustana Book Concern reports a valuation of property and stock on hand of $82,285. The net gain of the past year has been $8,435.

The Church Book Committee reported progress.

Respecting the "Language Question," a committee was appointed at the meeting of 1894. This committee met in Burlington, Ia., Nov. 20, 1894. There were present: Revs. E. Norelius, D. D., J. Telleen, L. Holmes, G. Rast and C. J. Petri, Profs. C. W. Foss, C. L. E. Esbjorn and Editor A. P. J. Colberg. The committee presented the following to the Synod at this meeting:

1. That we carry on English work in such churches and at such places where it is considered essential and therefore proper in connection with the Swedish work.

2. That the carrying on of this work be left to the various Conferences.

3. That the English congregations in the Synod make use of the same Church Book and books of instruction as are used in the Swedish churches.

4. That the Committee on Liturgies and Church Forms be instructed to translate our Swedish liturgy and Ministerial Acts.

5. That the Synod appoint a committee whose aim it shall be to collect and translate into English Lutheran hymns and songs, in order to get a Lutheran hymn and song book in English.

6. That the Faculty of Augustana College and Seminary be such committee.

7. That "The Lutheran Augustana Book Concern" be asked to translate from Swedish into English and publish books of edification.

8. That the pastors who are called to carry on said English work ought to have received their theological training at the Seminary of the Synod at Rock Island, Ill.

9. That at the meetings of the Synod and the Conferences both languages shall, from this time on, be on an equal footing.

Adopted.

For the Augustana Delegation,

J. Telleen.

VI. The Canada Synod.

Since the rendering of the last report to the General Council, the Synod of Canada has had two annual meetings. The one was held at Hanover, and the other at Elmira in the province of Ontario. The latter was the 35th Annual Meeting of the Canada Synod.

The statistics showed 39 pastors, 88 congregations, a communicant membership of about 8,000—3,600 members entitled to vote—and a total number of souls from 17,000 to 18,000. Three pastors from the Synod of Pennsylvania and one pastor from the New York Ministerium were received into the Synod; one candidate for the ministry was ordained. Five churches were dedicated to divine services; two cornerstones for churches were laid; four new congregations were organized, and a new parochial district formed. Seven Missions were supported in the last two years at an expense of $3,203. For educational purposes the Synod expended $250.

The following money was raised during two years:

For Local Purposes	$37,190.19
For Home Missions	3,994.34
For Foreign Missions	451.59
For Orphans' Home Mission	512.12
For Support of Invalid Ministers	820.64
For various charitable purposes	1,031.25

During the year 1894 832 children and adults were baptized and 535 confirmed; in 1895, 913 were baptized and 454 confirmed. There are 25 parish or Saturday-schools in which 16 pastors and 3 teachers give instructions to 805 pupils. Besides, 3,700 children are instructed by 548 teachers in the 60 Sunday-schools of the Synod.

The Synod recommended to the pastors in the far Northwest the organization of a new Synod.

Amongst the Germans in the city of Ottawa a new Mission was opened.

The Synod will hold its next convention, D. V., in Hamilton, Ontario, Rev. E. Hoffmann, pastor loci, on June 4, 1896.

A. R. Schulz,
President.

VII. The Chicago Synod.

The delegation of the Synod of Chicago (formerly the Indi-

ana Synod) begs leave to offer to the General Council the following report of its progress during the past two years.

On reviewing this period, the delegation finds reason for encouragement in the development of the Synod. This has come, first of all, in a gain of several zealous and efficient workers to its membership, whose presence has made itself felt in the increased activity and liberality of the congregations committed to their care. The especial reason for the hopeful spirit that prevails among the members of the Synod is to be found in the impetus given its work by the rapid development of the Chicago Theological Seminary and in the guarantee thus afforded for its future.

This institution, beginning only four years ago without buildings, library or endowment, and with but six regular students, has, in the gracious providence of God, grown to have two commodious buildings, a choice and well-arranged library, and eight times its original quota of students, all but a few of this year's accession being college graduates.

During the two years just at an end the Synod received from the Seminary one pastor, whose work has already gained for his people a new and ample church home, and four students to labor acceptably upon its territory. During the same period the work of our Church in Chicago has been strengthened by the labors of two zealous young pastors and of a number of students as missionaries, assistants, and Sunday-school workers.

The change of the name of the Synod, already noted, has put it and the Seminary into the most intimate relationship, assuring each of the other's warmest interest, and bringing the majority of the Seminary faculty into the membership of the Synod.

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Synod was held at Goshen, Ind., in the First English Lutheran Church, beginning September 10, 1895. The Synodical sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. M. L. Wagner, after which the Holy Communion was administered to the members of the Synod.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were:

President—Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Chicago, Ill.
Secretary—Rev. J. A. Leas, Goshen, Ind.
Treasurer—Mr. D. J. Miller, Middletown, Ind.
Missionary Director—Rev. M. L. Wagner, Decatur, Ill.

The subjects receiving the especial consideration of the Synod were the New Constitution, to be voted upon at the next annual session; the amendment to the constitution having to do with the change of name to "The Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church;" the relation of the Synod to the Council in the matter of missionary operations; and the usual topics of Education, Works of Mercy and Home and Foreign Missions.

The Synod had under its care one student at the Chicago Seminary, and decided to continue to assist him, and also to assist another student at Thiel College.

The Treasurer's books showed a gratifying increase during the past year, and a larger apportionment was agreed upon for the present year and a committee appointed to devise plans for raising a Jubilee Fund of $2,500, to be used in the work of the Synod.

The delegation to the General Council was instructed to ask the Council to prepare a form of parochial report to be used in all its congregations.

The delegation was instructed also to request the General Council to prepare a form of Ordination Certificate for the use of its Synods.

The time for the meeting of Synod was changed to the Thursday of the last full week in September.

The next convention is to be held in Trinity Church, Chicago, Ill., to enable Synod to participate in the opening exercises of the Chicago Seminary.

The summary of the parochial report for 1894 is as follows:

Pastors, 19; congregations, 34; communicants, 3,244; gains over losses, 376; local expenses, $19,510.75; Sunday-schools, 30; teachers and scholars, 2,774; total benevolence, $1,184.41.

The statistics for 1895 are: Pastors, 20; communicants, 3,423; catechumens, 209; accessions, 210; losses, 107; Sunday-schools, 24; teachers, 317; scholars, 2,521; beneficence, $826.81; total expenditures, $27,250.87.

W. A. Sadtler, President.

VIII. English Synod of the Northwest.

The Fourth Meeting of the Synod was held at Salem, Minneapolis, May 30-June 3, 1894; the Fifth at St. John's, Duluth, Minn., June 19-23, 1895. At Minneapolis took place the first

ordination, that of Rev. A. C. Anda, from the Chicago Theological Seminary, now missionary pastor at Tacoma, Wash. There have been seven clerical additions, two removals, one death, and one case of disabling illness. With other changes imminent, there will soon be hardly one of the founders left. One church has been dropped from the roll, which has, however, been enlarged by the addition in 1894 of the Washington churches (Seattle and Tacoma), and this year by the transfer from the Augustana Synod of St. John's, Minneapolis—the pioneer English Church in the Northwest,—and St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn. Several distressing vacancies exist.

Despite these drawbacks and the immense expanse of territory covered by the Synod, there is a growing sense of Synodical privileges and duties. The coming forward of a number of intelligently active laymen, the spread of Luther Leagues, and the powerful indirect stimulus given to sister Synods confronted with the English question, may be named as items not capable of being represented by mere statistics. The ten congregations number 944 communicants and twice as many (1,955) souls. The total Sunday-school enrollment is 1,122. The churches contributed last year to all external matters $700.84, and raised ten times that amount, or $7,616.30, for congregational expenses.

The President, though unable to reach all the churches in person, supplemented his visits to the central churches by extended correspondence and careful inquiry. From his official report a few sentences are culled:

"It is plain that the church properties are in the main in good condition."

"Few of our congregations have congregational histories."

"The older pastors are getting their fields fairly well organized, the newer men have succeeded in getting their work well in hand, so that the year closes with every reason for thankfulness and courage."

"There is improvement to be noted in the standard of the Church Councils. Our deacons are growing more active and more familiar with their specific duties and with the history and mission of our English Lutheran Church."

"We have to deplore, however, the large number who absent themselves from the Lord's Table, and the many youth who

think that Confirmation is simply joining the Church at large, and not also joining the particular congregation."

With a glance at the whole situation it was remarked that "the unexpired fraction of the nineteenth century will see as wonderful a change in many Northwestern Lutheran churches as the past ten years have wrought in the Lutheran schools of the Northwest. What an incentive to diligence and perseverance! The whole Lutheran line is advancing."

For further details, see Report of Committee on Statistics.

W. K. FRICK, President.

REPORT OF LUTHERAN MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

PHILADELPHIA, October 9, 1895.

To the President and Members of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

"The Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society" begs leave to present to your honorable body this report:

The scope of the interests of the organization have materially increased, owing to the active performance of the duties of the Rev. William A. Passavant, Jr., as the Agent of the Society, so that, during the year 1894 there was received from

Churches	$1,422.19
Sunday-schools	2,261.36
Individuals	1,563.19
Women's Missionary Societies	150.00
Mission Leagues and Societies	77.02
Or a total of	$5,473.76

During the same period loans were made as follows:

Holy Trinity Church, Chester, Pa.	$1,000.00
Church of the Redeemer, Syracuse, N. Y.	1,000.00
St. John's Church, Anderson, Ind., an additional loan of	500.00

and since January 1, 1895, loans have been made of

$2,000	to the Grace Church, Newark, N. J.
1,000	to the St. John's, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
2,000	to the St. James Ev. Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon.
1,800	to the St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, Boston, Mass.
$6,800	

The following are the present loans of the Society:

Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., $1,500, paid on account $56.00.	$1,444.00
St. James Church, Portland, Oregon	2,000.00
St. John's Church, Duluth, Minn	1,000.00
Garden City, Utah	1,373.07
Zion's Church, Tacoma, Wash	1,000.00
Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash	1,000.00
Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah	2,400.00
St. John's Church, McKeesport, Pa	1,000.00
Church of Redeemer, Binghamton, N. Y	900.00
Holy Trinity Church, Chester, Pa	1,000.00
Church of Redeemer, Syracuse, N. Y	1,000.00
St. John's Church, Anderson, Ind	1,000.00

The Society also has the title to a lot at Bismarck, N. D., valued at $825, and holds the title in trust for a lot on Susquehanna Avenue, in the City of Philadelphia.

Loans aggregating $6,800 having been, as above stated, made since January 1, 1895, the assets of the Society in the shape of loans amount now to $21,917.07.

The meetings of the Board of Managers are held quarterly, on the fourth Mondays of January, April, July and October.

The annual meeting of the contributors takes place on the evening of the fourth Monday in January in each and every year.

The present officers of the Society are:

President—Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D. D., LL. D.

Secretary—Wm. H. Staake, Esq.

Treasurer—E. Aug. Miller, Esq.

Managers—Rev. Sam'l Laird, D. D., Rev. E. E. Sibole, Rev. J. L. Sibole, Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, Rev. Reuben Hill, D. D. (deceased), Henry Beates, W. W. Kurtz, John Willing, James N. Mohr, Enos R. Artman, James H. Wolfe, Prof. S. P. Sadtler, A. C. Albrecht, E. Aug. Miller, William H. Staake.

Three standing Committees have charge of the business of the Society:

Executive—Rev. Dr. Sam'l Laird, chairman; Rev. J. L. Sibole, and E. Augustus Miller.

Finance—John Willing, chairman; Messrs. E. R. Artman and Jas. N. Mohr.

Church Extension—Rev. E. E. Sibole, chairman; Rev. W. Ashmead Schaeffer and Jas. H. Wolfe, Esq.

The following special amendments to the Charter of the

Society have been adopted, and will be legally incorporated therein.

A new section is added to the Charter, to be known as Article or Section II., as follows:

"II. The object and purpose of this Society is and shall be the accumulation and use of funds and the holding of the same in trust, to assist Missions and other needy churches in the securement of grounds for the building of Church edifices and the erection thereon of Churches or Chapels for the use of congregations in the Public Worship of Almighty God in accordance with the faith and usages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and for the securement of grounds for the building of institutions of learning, charity or benevolence."

To Section 3 were added the following words:

"The payment of the sum of fifty dollars at one time shall constitute the person so paying a life member of the Society."

To Section 5, by adding after the words "institutions of learning," wherever they occur in the section, the words "charity or benevolence," so as to read: "Institutions of learning, charity or benevolence."

The Society, as is well known, is chartered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Its aim is to secure and safely manage a permanent Church Extension Fund, out of which to make loans, without interest, for periods not exceeding five years, to help needy mission organizations to obtain suitable building lots or Chapels; to hold property in trust for congregations not fully organized and incorporated, or to arrange for the building of churches or institutions, when the parties have no legal authority to make contracts; and to hold and manage funds for Church extension or institutions of learning and mercy, as are owned by Synods, not having the necessary legal authority to control such funds.

Every precaution is taken to protect the investments of trust funds and to properly carry out the objects of the Society. Not one dollar has ever been lost in the operations of the Society. Annual membership is but five dollars, and life membership, as already stated, fifty dollars.

The Society asks for renewed interest in its operations, and hopes for a large increase in its membership. Its objects should commend it as a proper subject for legacies and bequests from those able to give, where these gifts will be preserved in perpet-

uum, as an active factor in extending the Kingdom of our Divine Master.

Respectfully submitted, by
WM. H. STAAKE, Secretary.

Received and ordered to be incorporated in the Minutes.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The only matter claiming the attention of the Trustees of the Council since the last Convention, was the examination of the securities in the hands of the Treasurer, which were found to be the same as those reported two years ago.

The income from these investments, amounting to $422, was ordered to be transferred to the Foreign Mission Fund, for which it was intended.

The bequest from the Wagner estate, amounting to $1,000, was received by the Treasurer, and divided equally between the Foreign Mission and German Home Mission Funds, according to the will of the testator.

The litigation in the Keck estate, to which reference was made in the last report, has not yet been settled, and the bequest from it has not become available.

Six Trustees are to be elected at this Convention, three to serve for two years in place of J. A. Seiss, D. D., LL. D., W. H. Staake, Esq., and Hon. J. A. Geissenhainer, and three to serve for three years in the place of Drs. Spaeth, Krotel and Laird. At least two of the persons to be elected in the places of those whose terms expire, must be laymen.

SAMUEL LAIRD,
Secretary of the Trustees.

EASTON, PA., October 11, 1895.

Adopted. Council elected as Trustees:

For Two Years:	*For Three Years:*
Dr. J. A. Seiss.	Dr. A. Spaeth.
W. H. Staake, Esq.	Dr. G. F. Krotel.
Hon. J. A. Geissenhainer.	Dr. S. Laird.

CHURCH-BOOK AND PUBLICATION MATTERS.

Resolved, That the Editorial Committee of the Church Book Committee be discontinued.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Weiskotten,

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee, in conjunction with the Publication Board, shall, for each new book to be issued, elect an editor, English or German, as the case may be.

On motion of Rev. A. F. Siebert,

Resolved, That the Publication Board be authorized to prepare, if necessary, new plates for the small German Church Book.

On motion of Dr. A. Spaeth,

Resolved, That, if a new set of plates be prepared for the small German Church Book, the hymns be set out in lines.

On motion of Rev. D. M. Kemerer,

Resolved, That the power heretofore vested in the Editorial Committee (Minutes 1893, page 82) be given to the Editor in connection with the Publication Board.

On motion,

Resolved, That the members of the former Church Book Committee constitute the Special Committee on the English Sunday-school Book.

On the nomination of a Committee appointed for that purpose, the Council elected as

CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE.

Rev. Dr. C. W. Schaeffer.
Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth.
Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss.
Rev. Dr. S. Laird.
Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs.
Rev. Dr. J. F. Ohl.
Rev. F. F. Buermeyer.
Rev. T. E. Schmauk.
Rev. G. C. F. Haas.

Resolved, That the Committee on Catechism be dispensed with.

Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs was elected as Archivarius.

Resolved, That $25 be allowed the German Recording Secretary for translating the Minutes.

The Treasurer was authorized to remunerate the Sexton.

MINUTES.

Two thousand copies of the English and fifteen hundred of the German Minutes were ordered to be printed.

NEXT CONVENTION.

On motion of Dr. Spaeth,

Resolved, That the next Convention be held during the fall of 1897, the exact time and the place of meeting to be determined by the President, the Recording Secretaries, and the Treasurer.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

At 4 P. M. of the seventh day of its session, the General Council adjourned, the brethren uniting in singing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," and the President closing the Convention according to the prescribed Order in the Church Book.

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it."

WILLIAM K. FRICK,
English Recording Secretary of the General Council.

ADDENDUM.

To the Pittsburgh Delegation add:

G. D. SWAIN, ANDREW HERTZEI,

making in all 42 Lay Delegates, and a total of 107 Delegates present.

Religious Services.

Wednesday Morning: Opening Service.

Preparatory and Morning Service by Rev. Dr. T. L. Seip and Rev. W. K. Frick.

Official Sermon by Dr. Henry E. Jacobs, English Corresponding Secretary, on Romans i, 14–16: "An Aggressive Christianity."

Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Wednesday Evening: Foreign Mission Meeting.

The Vesper Service was conducted by Rev. J. E. Whitteker.

Addresses by Rev. Frederick W. Weiskotten, editor of *Missionsbote;* Rev. John Telleen, Foreign Mission Superintendent; and Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary.

Offerings for Foreign Missions.

Thursday Evening: Educational Meeting.

The Vesper Service was conducted by Rev. Alfred Ramsey, of the Pittsburgh Synod.

Addresses by Rev. Dr. Olof Olsson, President of Augustana College and Theological Seminary; Rev. Prof. H. N. Fegley, of Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pa.; and Rev. J. C. Kunzman, President of the Pittsburgh Synod.

Offerings for Education.

Friday Evening: Home Mission Meeting.

The Vesper Service was conducted by Rev. Albert F. Siebert, President of the District Synod of Ohio.

Addresses by Rev. William K. Frick, President of the English Synod of the Northwest; Rev. Dr. John Nicum, Chairman of the German Home Mission Board; and Rev. Dr. Samuel Laird, Secretary of the Board of English Home Missions.

Offerings for Home Missions.

Sunday Morning: SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Addresses by Revs. David H. Geissinger and Frederick A. Kaehler.

Sunday Morning: DIVINE SERVICE.

Rev. Solomon E. Ochsenford conducted the liturgical service.

Rev. David H. Geissinger, of Pittsburgh, Pa., preached on I. John iii, 2: "The Nature, Origin and Destiny of Man."

Sunday Evening: DIVINE SERVICE.

Rev. William K. Frick conducted the liturgical service.

Rev. Frederick A. Kaehler, of Buffalo, N. Y., preached on John iv, 35: "Our Work is Harvesting."

Monday Evening: MEETING FOR WORKS OF MERCY.

The Vesper Service was conducted by Rev. Prof. W. A. Sadtler, of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

Addresses by Rev. Dr. Edmund Belfour, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, Superintendent of the Orphans' Home at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; and Rev. Dr. Henry Warren Roth, of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

Offerings for Institutions of Mercy.

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Charter of the English Home Mission Board.

We the undersigned five citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having associated ourselves together for the purposes hereinafter stated and being desirous of becoming incorporated agreeably to the provisions of the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations" approved April 29th, 1874 and the supplements thereto, do hereby certify for ourselves and others associated with us:

I. The name of the proposed corporation is and shall be

"The Board of English Home Missions of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America."

II. The objects for which said Corporation is formed shall be to provide for and maintain religious instruction and divine service in the English language in accordance with the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as accepted by the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, in such places as may from time to time be determined upon by the said Corporation; to locate and establish missions and congregations, to develope and encourage an interest in the work of Home Missions in the said Evangelical Lutheran Church, and provide ways and means for the carrying on and extension of said work and to perform such other duties as are usually incumbent upon and pertain to a Board of Home Missions.

III. The business of said Corporation shall be transacted in the City of Philadelphia.

IV. The said Corporation has no capital stock and is to exist perpetually.

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Witness our hands and seals this thirty-first day of December Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894).

JOSEPH A. SEISS. (Seal)
HENRY LEHMAN. (Seal)
HENRY BEATES. (Seal)
SAMUEL LAIRD. (Seal)
E. AUG. MILLER. (Seal)

County of Philadelphia, ss.

Personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing in the City of Philadelphia, Samuel Laird, Henry Beates, and E. Augustus Miller, all of whom are subscribers to the above Certificate of Incorporation and in due form of law severally acknowledged the same to be their act and deed.

Witness my hand and Official Seal this Thirty-first day of December, Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894).

THOMAS McILHENNY, JR.,
(Seal) Notary Public.

Decree.

And now this second day of February, Anno Domini 1895, the above Charter and Certificate of Incorporation having been presented to me, a Law Judge of the County of Philadelphia accompanied by due proof of publication as required by the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, I certify that I have examined said instrument and find the same to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class of Corporations specified in section second of the Act of General Assembly of April 29, 1874, and the same appearing to be lawful and not injurious to the Community on motion of E. Augustus Miller, Esq., it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said Charter be and the same is hereby approved and upon the recording of the same and this Order in the office for Recording Deeds, etc., in and for the City and County of Philadelphia the subscribers thereto and their associates shall be a corporation under the name of "The Board of English Home Missions of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America" for the purposes and upon the terms therein mentioned.

(Seal) M. RUSSELL THAYER,
Prest. Judge.

Charter of the German Home Mission Board.

STATE OF NEW YORK,)
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK,) ss.

Be It Known, That we, **George C. F. Haas, John A. Prigge, Henry Heuer, Frederick Kracke** and **Charles D. Boschen,** being five in number, all residents of this State, and citizens of said State and of the United States, do by these presents, pursuant to and in conformity with Chapter 319, Laws 1848, enacted by the Legislature of said State of New York, and entitled "An Act for the Incorporation of Benevolent, Charitable, Scientific and Missionary Societies," passed April 12th, A. D. 1848, and the several acts of said Legislature amendatory thereof, associate ourselves together, and form a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of "**German Home Mission Board of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America,**" for the relief of poor missions and their ministers, and do certify as follows:

First: The corporate name or title of such body and association is hereby declared, as aforesaid, to be "**German Home Mission Board of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.**"

Second: The objects and particular business for which said Board is formed, are the relief of missions and their ministers, and the raising of the necessary funds for the attainment of the aforesaid objects: the said body corporate being established especially for missionary purposes.

Third: The said Board shall commence on the first day of September, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and continue in existence for the space of fifty years.

Fourth: The number of Trustees of said body corporate shall be five, who shall manage the concerns of the same, and whose names for the first year of its existence are as follows: JOHN J. HEISCHMAN, JACOB F. LOCH, JOHN NICUM, FREDERICK W. WEISKOTTEN and JOHN J. KUENDIG.

Fifth: The location of said body corporate shall be in the City, County and State of New York.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereto set our hands and seals this sixteenth day of August, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

Signed and Sealed
in the presence of:
CYRUS C. MILLER.

GEORGE C. F. HAAS, [*SS*]
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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

On this sixteenth day of August, 1894, before me personally appeared GEORGE C. F. HAAS, HENRY HEUER, FREDERICK KRACKE and CHARLES D. BOSCHEN, to me known and known to me to be four of the persons de-

scribed in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they duly severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

CYRUS C. MILLER,
Notary Public 48,
New York County.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

On this twenty-seventh day of September, 1894, before me personally appeared JOHN A. PRIGGE, to me known and known to me to be one of the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

CYRUS C. MILLER,
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STATE OF NEW YORK. }
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. } ss.

I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation of GERMAN HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA, filed and recorded in this office on the 3RD day of OCTOBER, 1894, and do hereby Certify the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

WITNESS, my hand and Seal of Office of the Secretary of State, at the City of Albany, this 3RD day of OCTOBER, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

JNO. PALMER,
Secretary of State.

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THE REPORT

OF THE

Board of Foreign Missions.

Presented to the General Council at its meeting in Easton, Pa., October, 1895.

To the General Council, Etc.

Mr. President and Brethren :—At the close of two years' work, following the last meeting of your body, the Board of Foreign Missions contemplates, with pleasure and sincere gratitude to God, the progress that has been made in its work and the great blessing its labors have enjoyed both at home and abroad. In His infinite mercy the Great Head of the Church has been pleased to accept and bless the efforts of the Board and the faithful Missionaries in its employ, so that the number of heathens who have become Christians has been increased, while Christians at home are taking a deeper interest in the work of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. In this progress the Board claims nothing for itself, but gratefully acknowledges the faithful services of the Missionary Superintendent, the Rev. J. Telleen, the active co-operation of many Pastors, congregations and various Missionary Societies, the untiring zeal of the Missionaries, the Zenana Sisters, and their many native helpers, and above all the favor and blessing of God, whose desire is that all men should be saved and come to know Him, whom to know aright is everlasting life.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

On November 1, 1893, the Board appointed by you at your last meeting, met at the Mary J. Drexel Home, Philadelphia, and effected an organization by electing the following officers :

The Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D.D., LL.D., *President.*
" " H. Grahn, *German Recording Secretary.*
" " J. L. Sibole, *English Recording Secretary.*
" " Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, *Corresponding Secretary.*

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These officers have all discharged the duties that fell to them for the whole period of time since their election, giving time and attention to the work most cheerfully for the sake of extending the kingdom of Christ. Especially is this true of the Treasurer, who at personal expense has continued attending to the financial part of the work of the Board.

In recognition of the valuable services and self-denying labors of the Rev. J. Telleen, the Board, at a meeting held March 30, 1894, increased his salary to $1,800.

At the same time that this action was taken it was *Resolved*, That it is the judgment of this Board that it is to the interest of our work that the Rev. J. Telleen should continue in his present office as our Missionary Superintendent.

At your last meeting, held in Fort Wayne, Ind., October, 1893, you passed the following: *Resolved*, That this General Council recommends to the Board of Foreign Missions that they send the Superintendent of Foreign Missions to India to inspect the field as soon as they deem it feasible.

This subject was before the Board, therefore, on several occasions, but the unanimous opinion thus far has been that it is not "feasible," that Mr. Telleen's presence is required in this country, and that a visit to India is an unnecessary expenditure of money and not needed to further qualify him for the work in which he is engaged. The individual opinions on this subject of some persons apparently interested in our work, are now and then published to the Church, but we beg leave to state that the Board, thoroughly understanding the arguments for and against such a step, has come to the decision that it is not "feasible" to send the Superintendent to India.

THE FIELD.

As is well known, the field of our Foreign Missionary operations is in India, with the headquarters at Rajahmundry, a city located on the banks of the Godavery River. The language used is the Telugu, although there is some demand for an acquaintance with the Hindustani, as Miss Schade has discovered in her efforts to conduct the Mohammedan Girls' School. From Rajahmundry our Missionaries have gone out in different directions to the hundreds of villages lying on all sides, and have planted other stations from which they superintend the neighboring districts. And as the number of Missionaries increases, or they become qualified to take charge of a district, and houses can be erected for the use of the Missionary and schools, these stations will be increased, the

boundaries of our field will be moved farther out and more natives will be reached by those who go forth to tell the heathen of the love of God as shown in the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord.

The severities of the climate, great heat and heavy rains, make living in India somewhat trying to the foreigner, but in general it may be said that the health of the members of the Missionary family has been good, although there have been some cases of serious illness, none of which, however, have terminated fatally. For this, also, we desire to record our gratitude to our kind and loving Heavenly Father.

THE MISSIONARIES.

The names of all those employed by the Board are here given, although some are not now in active service:

The Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D. D., in charge of Rajahmundry and the outlying District.

The Rev. C. F. Kuder, Superintendent of the Seminary, Rajahmundry.

The Rev. F. J. McCready, in charge of Tallapudi and the adjoining District.

The Rev. E. Edman, M. D., is on furlough.

The Rev. E. Pohl, temporarily in charge of Rajahmundry and its District.

The Rev. P. Baehnisch has been assigned to that part east of Rajahmundry, beginning at the boundary of the Jegurupad field and extending beyond Rajanagram, and on north to the Godavery, including Rampa, Korukunda, etc. This assignment, however, was intended by the Board to be only temporary.

The Rev. Rudolph Arps, in charge of Dowlaishwaram and its neighborhood.

The Rev. H. E. Isaacson, in charge of Samulcotta and its District.

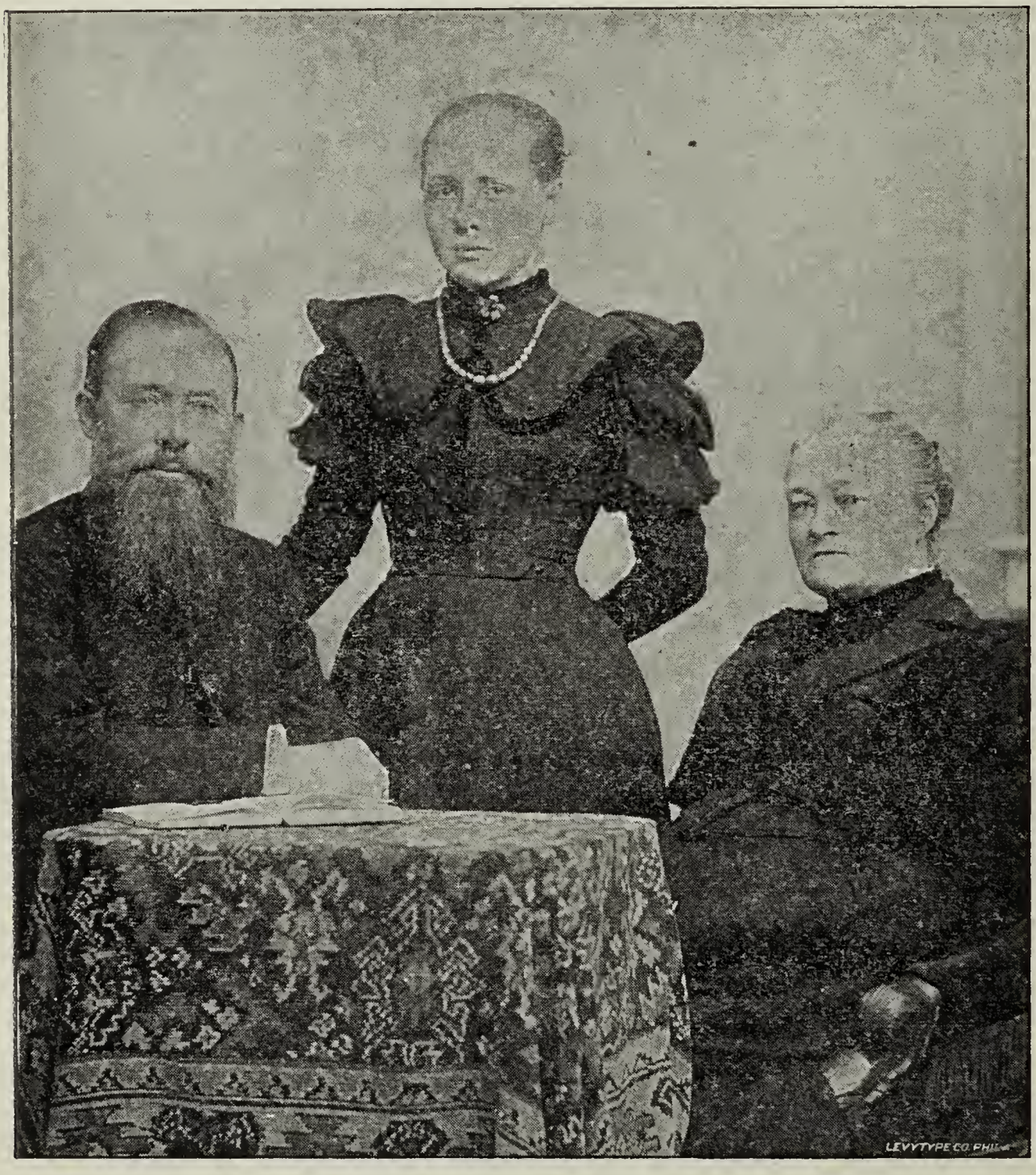
Miss Kate S. Sadtler is engaged in Zenana work and is in charge of the Caste Girls' School.

Miss Agnes I. Schade is also engaged in Zenana work, and is in charge of the Mohammedan Girls' School.

Miss Charlotte Swenson, who at last accounts was at Bombay on her way to Rajahmundry to engage in Zenana work.

The Rev. N. Paulus and the Rev. T. Joseph, native Pastors, under the direction of the Revs. Dr. H. C. Schmidt and E. Pohl, labor in the Velpur and Jegurupad Districts respectively.

In addition to those whose names have just been given, it should be remembered that the Mission enjoys the assistance of the wives of several of the Missionaries. This assistance has been very valuable, and although this part of the Zenana work, as it may be termed, is little



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heard of or spoken about, it is none the less entitled to the appreciation and grateful recognition of the Board and the Church at home.

The Rev. F. J. McCready, who, at the time of our last report, was on furlough, returned to his post at the end of his year, and is now again

in the active service of the Board and is in charge of his old field, Tallapudi and its District.

After long and persistent efforts to regain her health, Mrs. Edman was obliged to leave India and return to this country. Dr. Edman, who accompanied her, expected, after remaining here a few months, to go back to his field at Samulcotta, in which he had done such good service, but circumstances led him to ask the consent of the Board to remain a year longer. It was afterwards decided that he should return this summer, but the condition of Mrs. Edman's health still being unsettled, his leave of absence has been extended another year.

Since Dr. Edman's arrival in this country, he has frequently presented the cause of missions to congregations and societies, and in this way has rendered some assistance to the work.

In March, 1894, the Rev. Dr. Schmidt and wife left India on furlough and went to Denmark. There they remained until the early Spring of 1895, when, at the request of the Board, they came to this country. They were accompanied by their daughter, who for eleven years, had been in Denmark, pursuing her education. While here, the time was spent in visiting congregations, societies and Synods, and many persons heard Dr. Schmidt tell of the work being done in our Mission to bring souls to Christ.

After several months of travelling over this country and presenting the cause of Missions, Dr. Schmidt and his family sailed from New York on July 20, 1895. It was originally intended that they should go by way of the Pacific Ocean, but this plan was changed and they crossed the Atlantic and then pursued their journey to India along the Mediterranean. The latest advices report them at Bombay on September 3, 1895, and we hope that by this time they have safely reached Rajahmundry and are again comfortably settled in their old home.

The Rev. P. Baehnisch has spent a considerable portion of his time at Madras, where he was obliged to take his wife for medical treatment. As the physicians say that she cannot recover as long as she remains in India, the Board has resolved to allow Mr. Baehnisch a leave of absence in order to take her home to Europe. His assignment to a part of the Rajahmundry District will therefore have no immediate or practical effect.

In April, 1895, Miss Kate S. Sadtler, one of the Zenana Sisters, started from Rajahmundry on her homeward journey. She arrived here in due time and is now at her father's house, in Baltimore. Her return

home took place sooner than was anticipated, but circumstances seemed to make her request reasonable, and therefore leave of absence for one year was granted. The Board was relieved of the necessity of paying her travelling expenses, nor does it give her any part of her salary during her stay in the United States. Our hope is that she may return to India after the expiration of her leave of absence.

THE SCHOOLS.

The School work is very important, and requires great attention and a liberal support. By it the children of heathen as well as of Christian families are brought under Christian influences, and the instruction given them is intended not only to prepare them to engage in the activities of life, but to make them followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. That the teachers in the schools should themselves be Christians is therefore very necessary, and that the books used should be in harmony with our most holy religion follows of course. To meet these requirements our Missionaries are very careful in their selection of instructors, and as time and opportunities allow, they prepare text-books for the scholars. At the principal stations and in many of the villages are to be found schools where the Missionaries, Native Pastors, Zenana Sisters and Native Christians are endeavoring to sow the seeds of human knowledge and Gospel truth. The schools are conducted in the open air, in sheds, under trees, on the verandahs of the Missionaries' residences and in houses specially erected for the purpose. Each school is visited from time to time by the Missionary in whose District it is located, who carefully notes the capability and faithfulness of the teacher and the progress of the scholars.

The Seminary is under the supervision of the Rev. C. F. Kuder and is every year doing better service as a "training institution." Children of good character and possessed of the proper qualifications, giving promise of future usefulness in the work of the Mission, are sent from the several Districts to the Seminary, and are there required to pass through a carefully prepared course of studies. But the work of this institution has grown so much in recent years that two changes have recently been made, in the hope that it will become still more effective and that the scholars will be more efficiently instructed. The first change referred to is the erection of a new building. That has just recently been commenced, and it is expected that the corner-stone will be laid some time during this year, 1895. Its location is in the outskirts of Rajahmundry, some distance away from the old Seminary building, and on thirty acres of ground generously donated for this purpose by our Senior Missionary, the Rev. Dr. Schmidt,

who some time ago secured the property with the view of using it for Mission purposes. The plan of the new building is copied as far as practicable after the Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. Its estimated cost cannot be given at present, but the demands made upon this institution abundantly justify a liberal outlay in the erection of a new building. Better facilities for teaching means better equipped teachers for the lower schools, more and better prepared scholars for the Seminary, and finally more followers of our Divine Master, Jesus Christ the Lord.

It should be mentioned that a course in Theology has been introduced in the Seminary, by which it is hoped to prepare some young men for the office of the Christian Ministry.

The second change made in this institution of learning is the separation of the boys and girls into two distinct schools. The latter have been transferred to another building, specially rented for the purpose, and placed under the care of the Zenana Sisters. This arrangement, it is thought, will be very advantageous to all concerned, securing to those heretofore engaged in the Seminary much needed assistance and to the scholars fuller and more careful instruction.

In this connection we introduce portions of the last Reports of the Rev. Mr. Kuder and Miss Agnes I. Schade. The last named speaks also of the Caste Girls' School, which is supported by the Missionary Societies of St. John's and St. Mark's Churches, Philadelphia, Pa., and of the Mohammedan Girls' School which had been suspended for a time, but has again resumed its work.

MR. KUDER'S REPORT OF THE SEMINARY, JUNE 30, 1895.

The half year under review has witnessed some important changes in the school under my charge. The girls, who had always formed a part of it, and also not a small part of my cares and responsibility, have, in accordance with a resolution of the January meeting of the Missionary Council, been withdrawn from the Seminary, and have been placed under the care of the Zenana Department of our Mission. I am indeed greatly relieved at the change, and devoutly thankful for it. I do not well see how I should have been able to go on with my increasing work, had they continued to be under my care. Besides, they can, and I am sure, will receive better attention than it was possible for me to give them ; and I, at the same time, have more liberty to devote to the young men and boys, for whom the Seminary is really established. As part of the committee to rent a house for this new school, I was induced by the force of circum-

stance to agree to rent a house at the rate of rs.60 a month. Mention of this will be made under the proper head in the minutes.

In the staff of teachers also, some changes have occurred. R. Samuel, of the Jegurupad District, has been called to take the place made vacant by K. Gabriel, who is attending the High School. M. William was discharged at the end of the year for ill treating his wife, and one of the School boys, L. Johann, is acting in his place. In accordance with the resolution of the Council, N. Charles has been employed, and given work in the higher classes. He teaches also a number of Biblical subjects, which, however, I had intended to give to M. Devadas, who is, as his name signifies, a slave of the Lord. But owing to the periods which the drawing master, the gymnastic master and I take up for our lessons, the

CHURCH, PASTOR'S RESIDENCE, SCHOOL, AND TEACHER'S RESIDENCE, VELPUR.

other teachers had sufficient leisure to teach Devadas' class jointly; and I therefore decided to send him to the local Normal School for training. The Inspector of Schools, in a recent visit to the Seminary, said that unless we employed more trained teachers, and thus complied with the educational rules, he would feel that he could not any longer recommend the School for recognition. In my opinion, therefore, it is necessary that we should get a better qualified staff of teachers, a matter which will require considerable outlay of money. Trained teachers are at such a premium that it is difficult to get them. * * * * *

A Gymnastic master has been employed at rs.12 a month. He is trained and passed in the first class. The boys seem to make progress under his teaching.

As has been stated, K. Gabriel and B. Anandam have joined the High School. The former got a scholarship through the kindness of Mr. Metcalfe, the Principal of the College. I have been hearing good reports about him. Anandam did not join the School until June. The delay was due to his mother, who objected on the ground of poverty. With respect to sending more boys, I recommend that this year all boys in the Lower Secondary Class for the first time, who will succeed in passing the complete test prescribed for the class, be sent to the High School next year. I think the present class has the cleverest boy that has read in this School since I took charge of it four years ago.

The amount of grant earned by the School for the official year 1894-5, amounted to rs.1184-14-0. Of this amount, however, only rs.310 was sanctioned for payment, which of course means that only so much has been paid. I pointed out the inconsistency of the Municipal Council to the Inspector when he visited the School, and we may expect a larger grant next year.

It has given me much pleasure to introduce the new curriculum for Biblical studies into as many classes as I could. I hope good results will follow.

Owing to the enforcement of Rule No. 332, a number of boys forfeited their scholarships at the end of last year. I ruled that they could return provided they would pay rs.10 a year until they shall have passed the standards in which they failed. Six took advantage of the offer, and the rest left amidst weeping on their part, and rejoicing on mine. If we must feed, clothe and educate boys gratis, let us by all means select boys who are neither hopelessly stupid, nor incurably lazy.

A number of boys also availed themselves of the half-scholarships offered by the Council. The following table will show the facts and numbers connected with the matter:

Districts.	Boys Present.	Boys Paying.	Boys Having Schps.	Boys Allowed.
Velpur	64	11	53	51
Tallapudi	21	...	21	25
Dowlaishwaram	22	1	21	23
Samalcotta	17	1	16	21
Rajahmundry	10	1	9	10

During the half year the hymn-book, for which I, at least, had been longing, was completed. The account for the same has been entered in my account book, and will be inspected by the Auditing Committee. A copy of the hymn-book has been sent to the Board.

A hand-book on Isagogics has also been completed, and our young men are now studying it. The manuscript for an elementary Church History is now with the printers, and an effort is being made to obtain engravings for it from the Pilger Book Store, Reading, Pa. Perhaps the Board could use its influence on our behalf. These books are being published at my own risk and expense, and I have therefore not thought it necessary to consult the Council about them. Mr. McCready has kindly consented to prepare a small book for Indian students, on the subject of "Christian Evidences." Other books are undergoing translation, or are in the course of preparation, and we can testify that not one of them will come amiss. Painstaking effort bestowed on books about the Bible, or about our religion, will be received with welcome throughout the Telugu country. It would be a splendid thing if the Board would appoint one of its Missionaries, who is well qualified in the language, as a "Literary Missionary." Especially ought a New Testament History be prepared on the same plan as Groenning's Old Testament History. I recommend and ask that the Board appoint, or empower the Council to appoint, one of our number to undertake this task.

Together with my family, I again spent the hot season at Waltair, where I found very comfortable and pleasant quarters in the house of a London Missionary. The mercury did not rise to the height it attained in Rajahmundry, by a difference of about twenty degrees, and it was therefore much cooler at Waltair. Still I am not so sure that it would be the best place for a sanitarium. It is easily reached and near, but it lacks other essentials, perhaps.

Lace making has been begun on a small scale. One of the girls trained at Nazareth is the teacher. How it will turn out remains to be seen.

The work of digging the well is nearing completion, and will immediately be followed by the walling of the same. If the corner-stone of the new Seminary is to be laid this year, the work will have to be rapidly pushed on. The Board should send money accordingly.

REPORT OF MISS AGNES I. SCHADE FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1895.

The report of the first half year is never so encouraging as that of the last half, because of the interruptions caused by the vacations. January has well passed before the work has been properly started after the Christmas and New Year's vacation, and then the hot weather vacation breaks in, and the work is again barely started before the close of the half

year. The work of the second half is continuous from July 1st until the Christmas holidays.

Several changes worthy of notice have taken place within the half year. The first was the departure of Miss Sadtler to America on a year's furlough. Although in some respects it seems very unfortunate that a break should so soon have been made, and while yet but two of us were here, yet in other respects it was thought wise to recommend the leave of absence before it would become necessary for both of us to go home, as would likely be the case in a few years. And as there were then no prospects of other Sisters coming out, it was thought well that the change be made now before the work should grow beyond the management of one, hoping, however, that in the meantime other laborers would be forthcoming so that when another change would become necessary there would still be at least two left in the field.

Another change has been the addition of the

GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL

to our Zenana work. Hitherto the girls and boys formed one school. For years a separation has been desired, but the way had never before seemed clear to make the change. There were numerous reasons for the change, and it is gratifying to notice the satisfaction with which both Missionaries and native Christians express themselves with reference to the matter. The School opened June 18th with nineteen boarders and twenty-five day pupils. There are now (June 30th) twenty-nine boarders and twenty-five day pupils.

THE ARTMAN MOHAMMEDAN GIRLS' SCHOOL

was re-opened March 4th. Although the progress has not been very encouraging yet, I hope the school will soon show signs of greater prosperity, especially after we shall have our own building. The present location is not at all central, and is the cause of a number of pupils being withheld from the school.

THE CASTE GIRLS' SCHOOL

has been moving on as usual. In January one of the teachers was sent to the Guntur Mission Training School, and it is to be hoped that we will gradually succeed in getting a few trained teachers into our girls' schools.

The Sunday-School in connection with this school is, during Miss Sadtler's absence, being conducted by the Rev. E. Pohl.

THE ZENANA CLASS WORK

has been regularly carried on, but offers nothing of special importance to be reported. Owing to the additional work caused by the opening of the girls' boarding school, the vacation was extended until July 1st.

The following is the list of Scholars, Teachers, etc., now in the Seminary and the names of those by whom they are supported:

LIST A.—BOARDING BOYS.

NAMES.	CLASS.	AGE.	SCHOLARSHIPS AND SUPPORTERS.
Balla Anandam	Theo.	16	Gerhard Schp. St. Mark's S. S., Pennsburg, Pa.
Potti Aaron	"	17	The Oliver Hoffman Schp. Trinity S. S., Buffalo, N. Y.
Vemuluri Benjamin	"	16	Father Heyer Schp. Mt. Airy Seminary, Phila.
Bhuparti Matthew	VII	16	Long Memorial Schp. General Miss. Funds.
Chedalarda Jeevaratnam	"	15	Wartburg Schp. General Miss. Funds.
Gandi Sadhunu	"	16	Isabella M. Althouse Schp. Inft. School, St. John's, Easton, Pa.
Ethacota John*	Theo.	16	Holds half Schp.
Mylabattula Meshech	VII	19	Bethany Schp. General Miss. Funds.
Pantakani Paradesy	"	16	Gustavus Adolphus Schp. Y. P. S. of Sw. Ch., Denver, Col.
Pidakala Gamaliel	"	14	Mary L. Hunter Schp. General Miss. Funds.
Vardhanapu Joseph	"	17	St. Ansgar Schp. General Miss. Funds.
Budithi Narayanaswamy	VI	17	Esbjorn Schp. General Miss. Funds.
Bhuparti Joseph	"	16	Philip Melanchthon Schp. Rev. John Shunk and wife, Jewett, Ohio.
Ella Nathanael*	"	15	Holds half Schp.
Nottagundla Cornelius	"	15	
Nacca Martin	"		Augsburg Schp. Miss. League, Leechburg, Pa.
Nalli Devasahayam	"	15	Upsala Schp.**
Palaparti Samuel	"	16	The Lankenau Schp.**
Pattem Daniel	"	15	The Drexel Schp.**
Pidakala Samaon	"	13	Hasselquist Schp.
Sasi Adam	"	16	Mary Wagner Schp. 1st Gen. Council Miss. League.
Vemuluri Jacob	"	15	Scholarship No. 51.**
Vizeppa Samuel	"	15	B. M. Schmucker Schp., S. S. Ch. of Transfiguration, Pottstown, Pa.
Balla Lazarus	V	16	Bethlehem Schp. Rev. F. Fry, Bethlehem, Pa.
Batala Peter	"	15	Wm. J. Mann Schp. Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, D. D., Myerstown, Pa.
Batthini Samuel*	"	G	Holds half Schp.
Chedalarda Noah	"	13	Dietrich Memorial Schp. Inft. Sch. Trinity, Phila.
Dasari Judah	"	11	Wittenberg Schp., Rev. P. Isenschmidt, Wilmington, Del.
Ella Job*	"	16	Holds half Schp.
Jetti Isaiah	"	12	Schp. No. 52.**
Korlaparti Devadanam	"	12	Ralph E. Whitmore Schp. Christ Ch. E. E., Pittsburg.
Lankapalli Benjamin	"	14	Miss. Societies, Egypt & Mickley's, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Mugalapu Srinivasarao	"	12	Schp. No. 53.**
Mungamuri Sadhuvu	"	12	Wm. Groenning Schp. S. S. 1st Lutheran Church, Warren, Pa.
Namburi Prakasem		13	Schp. No. 55.**
Namburi Devadanam		11	Schp. No. 56.**
Pidakala Nathan	"	15	Schp. No. 57.**
Potla Daniel	"	15	Schp. No. 58.**
Rayaparti Jacob	"	15	Schp. No. 59.**
Thaluri Jeevaratnam	"	14	Emmanuel Schp. S. S. Emmanuel Ch., Phila.
Thaluri Shadrach	"	15	Passavant Schp. Sw. Ch. Christine Lake, Minn.
Vellakapelli Prakasem	"	14	Chas. A. Heinitsch Schp., Chas. A. Heinitsch, Lancaster, Pa.
Addanki Moses ††	IV	17	Schp. No. 60.**
Adla Jacob ††	"	17	Holds half Schp.
Alamuri Shadhach	"	11	The Artman Schp. S. S. St. Stephen's, Phila.
Bondarda Reuben	"	15	Schp. No. 61.**
Budithi Joseph	"	12	Schp. No. 62.**

LIST A.—BOARDING BOYS.—Continued.

NAMES.	CLASS.	AGE.	SCHOLARSHIPS AND SUPPORTERS.
Chitturi Andrea ††	"	GA	Schp. No. 63.**
Didla Devasahayam	"	12	Schp. No. 64.**
Geddam Jacob††	"	17	Schp. No. 65.**
Gurdise Lazarus	"	17	Schp. No. 66.**
Gurtla Joseph	"	12	Schp. No. 67.**
Gollipalli Edward	"	15	Schp. No. 68.**
Matzu Samuel	"	12	Schp. No. 69.** Miss Kate Sadtler, Rajahmundry.
Mullavarda Lingayya	"	23	Schp. No. 68.**
Mutyamu Henry	"	15	Schp. No. 71.**
Nacca Joseph	"	13	Zion's German Schp., Zion's German Church, Wheeling, W. Va.
Pardaparti Mark	"	15	Schp. No. 72.**
Palaparti Gabriel	"	16	Schp. No. 73.**
Palaparti John	"	14	Schp. No. 74.**
Pasupuleti Manasseh	"	12	Becker Schp. S. S. Grace Ch., Franklin, Pa.
Penumaka Jeevaritnam	"	11	Schp. No. 75.**
Pidakala Ezekiel	"	13	C. W. Schaeffer Schp., Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, Germantown, Phila.
Pilli Johann	"	16	Schp. No. 76.**
Produku Johann	"	13	C. P. Krauth Schp. Y. P. S. of Sw. Ch., Galesburg, Ill.
Putzakayala Priyanathurdu	"	11	Schp. No. 77.**
Ravva Paradesw	"	14	Schp. No. 78.**
Ravva Penkarathnam	"	16	Schp. No. 79.**
Sasi Isaac	"	13	A. B. Carlson Schp. 1st Gen. Coun. Miss. League.
Sringaram Kanakayna	"	13	Schp. No. 80.**
Thaluri Matthew†	"	15	
Vardhanapu Besudas	"	11	Trinity Schp., Trinity Ch., Buffalo, N. Y.
Vepuri Joseph ††	"	GA	Schp. No. 81.**
Sordathasi Prakasem ††	"	17	Schp. No. 82.**
Vooba Solomon	"	14	Schp. No. 83.**
Batala Satyanandam	III	12	Holds half Schp.
Bossa Elisha	"	12	Schp. No. 84.**
Budithi Daniel	"	10	Schp. No. 85.**
Dagootla Daniel	"	12	"Seraps Kornet" Schp. Sw. Ch., Burlington, Ill
Dylapalli Manoharam	"	9	Schp. No. 86.**
Geddam Geevarathnam	"	12	Schp. No. 87.**
Gope Meshech	"	10	Holds half Schp.
Gundapilly Joseph	"	11	Schp. No. 88.**
Irlaparti Israel	"	10	Schp. No. 90.**
Kandavalli Lazarus	"	12	Schp. No. 91.**
Kandikotla John	"	10	Schp. No. 92.**
Kadimi John	"	11	Schp. No. 93.**
Lankapalli Jacob	"	15	Holds half Schp.
Lankapalli Nathanael	"	12	Schp. No. 94.**
Manukonda James	"	15	Holds half Schp.
Manukonda Matthew	"	14	Holds half Schp.
Muppidi Samuel	"	14	Holds half Schp.
Mylabattula Martin	"	15	Schp. No. 89.**
Mylabattula Prakasem	"	14	Schp. No. 95.**
Nellore Isaac	"	17	Schp. No. 96.**
Palaparti Alfred	"	12	Schp. No. 97.**
Paritada Amos	"	11	Schp. No. 98.**
Peetala Peter	"	12	Gustavus Vasa Schp. Sw. S. S., Ophiem, Ill.
Peetala Samuel	"	13	Schp. No. 99.**
Penumala Devadas	"	12	Schp. No 100.**
Pilli Jeevorathnam	"	11	Holds half Schp.
Pitta Joseph	"	9	Schp. No. 101.
Potti David	"	12	Schp. No. 102.
Pottula Benjamin	"	11	Martin Luther Schp. St. Paul's S.S. Rajahmundry.
Rapaka Daniel	"	12	Holds half Schp.
Rayaparti Samuel	"	12	Schp. No. 103.**
Sade Elisha	"	12	Schp. No. 104.
Sandhi Daniel	"	13	Schp. No. 115.
Sandhi John	"	12	Holds half Schp.
Tekoa Matthew	"	11	Schp. No. 106.
Thaluri Stephen	"	11	Holds half Schp.
Vemuluri Joseph	"	9	Schp. No. 107.
Vemuluri Samuel	"	11	Schp. No. 108.**
Baathni Cornelius	II	10	Schp. No. 109.**

LIST A.—BOARDING BOYS.—Continued.

NAMES.	CLASS.	AGE.	SCHOLARSHIPS AND SUPPORTERS.
Betapufi Devapriardu	"	8	Schp. No. 110.**
Gundapilli Paul	"	9	Schp. No. 111.**
Gurramu Johann	"	18	Schp. No. 112.**
Jerti Jeevaratnam	"	8	Schp. No. 113.**
Mahadasy Alfred	"	9	Geo. Hower Schp., Miss Kate Hower, Howertown, Pa.
Muppidi Gabriel	"	8	Schp. No. 114.**
Nutangi Prakasem	"	E	Schp. No. 115.**
Yerrunichalli Lazarus	"	9	Schp. No. 116.**
Ayanaparti Satyanandam	9	10	Schp. No. 117.**
Chedalarda Johann	I	8	Schp. No. 118.**
Dasari Benjamin	"	9	Schp. No. 119.**
Didla Jesudas	"	7	Schp. No. 120.**
Errupotu Mark	"	11	Schp. No. 121.**
Kollu Moses	"	9	Schp. No. 122.**
Muppidi Johann	"	8	Schp. No. 123.**
Muppidi Luke	"	10	Schp. No. 124.**
Vara Zechariah	"	8	Schp. No. 127.**
Madugulu Isaac	Infant.	8	Schp. No. 128.**
Vemuluri Gabriel	"	6	Schp. No. 129.**
Yerrunichalli Ezra	"	7	Schp. No. 130.**
Yerrunichalli Timothy	IV	10	Schp. No. 131.**

* Forfeited Scholarship.
† Forfeited Scholarship and now supports himself.
** Scholarships supported from the general treasury.
†† These are taking the two years special course.

SUMMARY.

No. of boys from the Dowlaishwaram District	22
No. of boys from the Rajahmundry District	9
No. of boys from the Samalcotta District	16
No. of boys from the Tallapudi District	22
No. of boys from the Velpur District	72
Total	141

LIST B. BOARDING GIRLS

NAMES.	CLASS.	AGE.	SCHOLARSHIPS AND SUPPORTERS.
Gollipalli Kemparatnam	V	9	Matrou's Daughter.
Polumati Shantama	"	11	Schp. No. 132.**
Vara Stella	"	11	Bender Schp., The Bender Sisters, Jonestown, Pa.
Vemuluri Satyavathi	"	12	Schp. No. 133.**
Adla Salome	IV	11	Schp. No. 134.**
Bolepu Karuna	"	9	Schp. No. 135.**
Irlaparti Mary	"	12	Schp. No. 136.**
Mungamuri Satyavathi	"	11	"Busy Bee" Schp. "Busy Bees." North Wales, Pa.
Thuluri Ruth	"	11	Children's Band, St. John's, Allentown, Pa.
Batthini Karuna	III	11	Schp. No. 137.**
Chebattula Karuna	"	10	Schp. No. 138.**
Haridasu Rathnam	"	9	Schp. No. 139.**
Jerti Manikiam	"	10	"Helpers'" Schp., Grace Ch., Lancaster, Pa.
Kadiam Rhoda	"	10	Schp. No. 140.**
Siringi Gnanarthnam	"	11	Schp. No. 141.**
Alipeh Kantama	99	9	Schp. No. 142.**
Chinnam Charlotte	"	9	Schp. No. 143.**
Ellamalli Susanna	"	11	Schp. No. 144.**
Jangam Karuna	"	9	Schp. No. 145.**
Mosala Salome	"	13	Schp. No. 146.**
Muppidi Mary	"	8	Schp. No. 147.**
Pidakala Mary	"	10	Schp. No. 148.**
Sasi Velugu	"	9	Miss Agnes Shade.
Thuluri Sundarama	"	9	Ann Maurer Schp. Miss Graeff, Germantown, Phila.
Chedalarda Susanna	"	10	Schp. No. 149.**
Mallipudi Susanna	"	8	Schp. No. 141.**
Chedalarda Felicite	Infant.	8	Schp. No. 142.**

SUMMARY.

No. of boarding girls from the Dowlaishwaram District	7
No. of boarding girls from the Rajahmundry District	3
No. of boarding girls from the Samalcotta District	2
No. of boarding girls from the Tallapudi District	7
No. of boarding girls from the Velpur District	8
Total	27

LIST C—DAY PUPILS—BOYS.

NAMES.	CLASS.	AGE.	NAMES.	CLASS.	AGE.
B. John	VII	15	D. Kondayachary*	V	13
B. V. Kristnayya*	"	11	N. Isaac	"	18
B. V. Narasayya*	"	16	J. Jesudas	"	13
B. Venkarathnam*	"	18	B. Chinnakesvaralu*	"	14
D. Ramanjarao*	"	17	N. Kristnamurthi*	"	10
G. H. Narayanaro*	"	19	B. Sriramulu*	"	10
M. Seetaramayya*	"	12	B. Jagannatham*	"	9
N. Abraham	"	17	J. Benjamin	IV	12
R. Narayanarao*	"	15	J. Francis*	"	11
S. Gilbert	"	13	J. Jonah	"	13
S. S. Narayana*	"	16	J. Franklin	"	10
S. Veerachary*	"	16	M. Johann	"	13
Y. H. Bapirazu*	"	15	A. Adinarayana*	"	10
B. William	VI	14	Veerasalingam*	"	10
K. Isaac	"	13	B. Ghantayya*	III	10
K. Narasimhamu*	"	12	M. Lazarus	"	10
I. Subbarow*	"	10	R. Arland	"	11
S. L. Narayana*	"	13	P. Krupaprsadam	"	9
P. Kristnamurty*	"	11	S. Veeravengiah*	"	12
K. Kristnarao*	"	14	M Johann	II	9
K. Karayanamurthi*	"	14	D. Veerana*	"	9
K. Sivarao*	"	12	J. Sichamani	"	8
S. Venkatesvararao*	"	13	J. Jeevaratnam	"	8
K. Veeramana*	"	12	A. Venganna*	"	9
A. Appalanarasayya*	"	14	B. Anantarao*	"	9
K. Kondalarayadu*	"	16	B. Subbana*	"	9
K. Bhramayya*	"	13	S. Appana*	I	8
P. L. Narasimhamu*	"	16	P. Veerana*	"	6
Amos Paul	"	15	S. Richard	"	6
I. V. Kristnarao*	"	12	G. Govarayya*	"	7
D. S. Narayana*	"	11	G. Swami*	"	6
T. V. Kristnama*	"	14	R. Antony	"	7
D. Venkiah*	"	16	R. Solomon	"	6
M. Musa†	"	15	D. Tatayya*	"	8
M. Saba†	"	14	J. Bhooshanam	Infant.	5
M. Sheriff†	"	16	B. H. Narasimalu*	"	6
T. Padmarazu*	"	15	B. Lala*	"	7
M. Subbarayadu*	"	15	J. Walter	"	5
D. Venkanna*	"	15	M. Jesudas	"	5
Ch. Raghnaigulu*	"	16	P. Seth	"	5
M. Venkataramiah*	"	18	M. Narayanaswami*	"	6
P. Venkatadri*	"	14	P. Lakshmiah*	"	6

*In List C, this denotes Hindoo boys.

†This denotes Mohammedan boys.

LIST D—DAY PUPILS—GIRLS.

NAMES.	CLASS.	AGE.	NAMES.	CLASS.	AGE.
J. Rhoda	VII	17	N. Gnanaratnam	II	7
N. Anna	"	16	Z. Kantama	"	9
N. Elizabeth	V	12	V. Dagmar	"	8
K. Miriam	IV	10	V. Christina	"	6
T. Paranjotama	"	14	B. Grace	I	8
T. Alice	"	11	B. Ruth	"	6
S. Monica	"	16	M. Grace	Infant.	6
R. Chendrabai	"	12	J. Shantama	"	6
N. Sarah	"	10	J. Rosa	"	5
M. Mary	"	12	K. Katama*	"	6
Z. Miriam	"	11	K. Venkama*	"	5
S. Gnanaratnam	"	11	I. Marvulu*	"	5
J. Gantama	II	9			

ADDITIONAL BOYS.

Reading in the Theological Class—they have not been mentioned.
Alipeh Devadas, aged 17, from the Dowlaishwaram district.
Ravady Peter, aged 17, from the Dowlaishwaram district.
Busi Bhooshanam, aged 19, from the Velpur district.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Number of Boarding Boys	144
Number of Boarding Girls	27
Number of day pupils, male	85
Number of day pupils, female	25
Grand Total	281

LIST E—AGENTS SUPPORTED.

OFFICE SUPPORTED.	PRESENT INCUMBENT.	SUPPORTERS.
Pastor		S. S. Sw. Luth. Ch., Bethlehem, Ill.
Evangelist	R. David	Bethany S. S. Miss. Soc., Lindsborg, Kansas.
Teacher	D. Brahmayya	1st Luth. S. S., Miss. Soc., Columbus, Ohio.
Pastor	Rev. N. Paulus	St. John's German S. S., Reading, Pa.
Pastor	Rev. T. Joseph	Same congregation, two brothers.
Pastor		Men's Miss. Soc., Sw. Luth. Ch., Minneapolis, Minn.
Teacher	M. Devadas	Rev. J. Fry, Reading, Pa.
Teacher	K. Daniel	Brush Creek Miss. League, Adamsburg, Pa.
Teacher	N. Philip	A member of St. Luke's, Bethlehem, Pa.
Teacher		Miss M. E. Showalter, Norristown, Pa.

LIST F—SCHOOLS SUPPORTED.

NAME.	LOCATION.	SUPPORTERS.
The Caste Girls' School	Rajahmundry	St. John's Church, Philadelphia, Pa. St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Certain industries, such as printing, lace and tile making, have been carried on to some extent under the supervision of one or more of the Missionaries, but the Board has not as yet decided to undertake the starting and supporting of such schools. Our Missionaries, some hold, are sent out to preach the Gospel, and to allow them to spend their time in the carrying on of this or that industry seems to them to be, to say the least, a misuse of their time and talents. On the other hand, it is said, they must necessarily do other things besides that of preaching the Gospel, as for instance, the erecting of houses for themselves, schools and churches, and whether the supervision of an Industrial School is not only another branch of the work of a Missionary is a question that is not so easily answered.

It would seem, however, that a wise step would be for us to send out one or more skilled mechanics who could take charge of such work and be employed by the Mission in superintending the erection of all necessary buildings.

NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS.

The Church of the Transfiguration at Bhimawaram is being erected as fast as circumstances allow. Subscriptions for the various parts of the building were called for, and many responses have been received. The full amount has, however, not yet been secured.

Some time ago, a gentleman, whose name is not to be made known, placed eight thousand dollars in the hands of the Rev. Dr. Schmidt, with instructions to build a church, which should be a memorial to a deceased member of his family, and to invest the balance for the benefit of the said church and the poor native Christians.

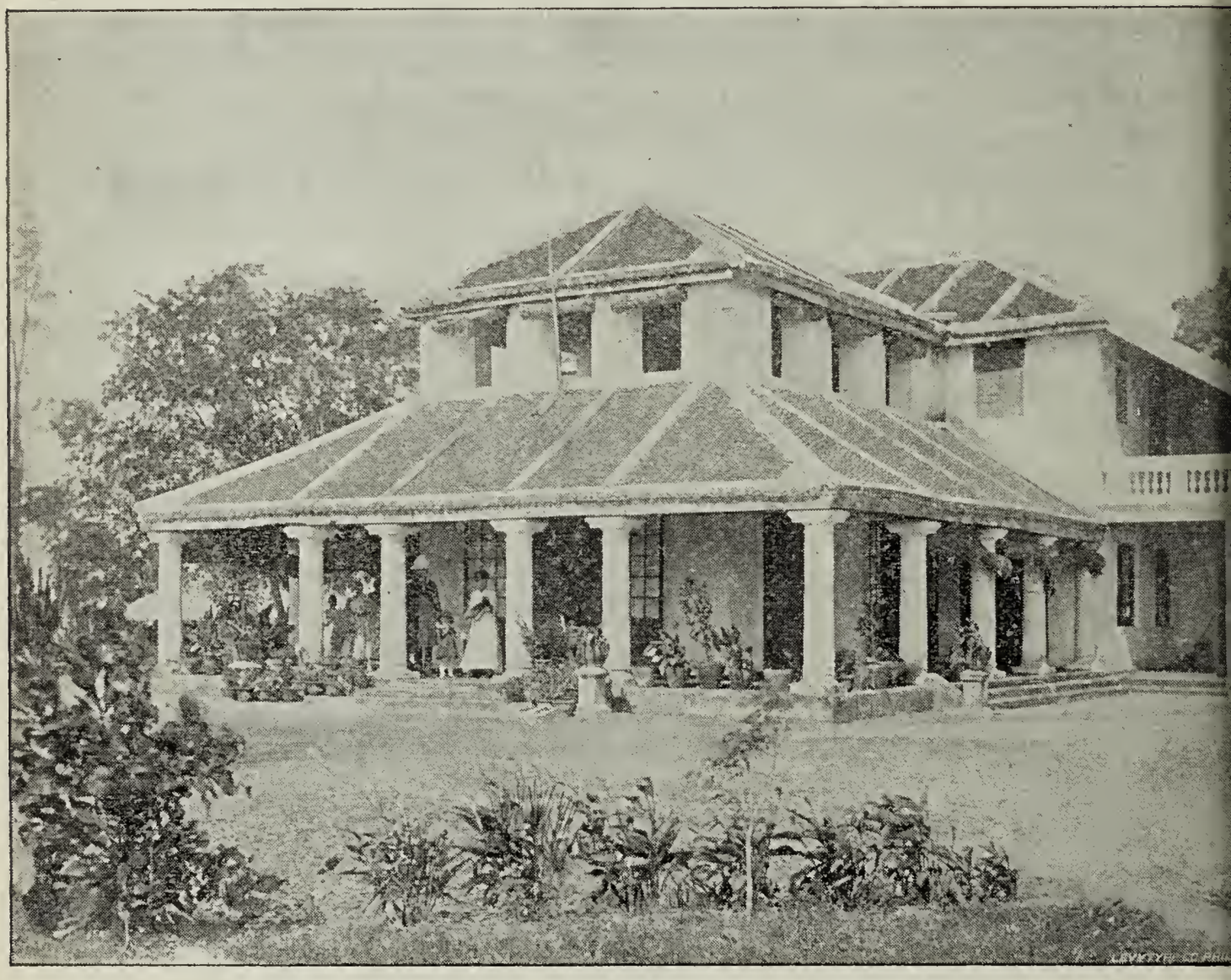
The Board passed a vote of thanks to the generous donor of this sum, and authorized Dr. Schmidt to erect a church building near Mahadevapatnam and to carry out the instructions accompanying the gift.

This church, it is understood, when built, is to be under the pastoral care of a Native, and therefore the Board has asked the Missionary Council to suggest the name of some one who may be called to be the Pastor of the congregation near Mahadevapatnam.

THE SANITARIUM.

Another question that has engaged the attention of the Board is the providing a Sanitarium on the hills or on the sea coast for the use of our Missionaries and their families. The desirability of such a resort is

admitted by all, but the demands of other parts of the work seem to be of greater importance and have thus far prevented our applying any money to this purpose.



RESIDENCE OF THE REV. H. E. ISAACSON, SAMULCOTTA.

A NEW ZENANA WORKER AND THE FAREWELL MEETING.

For some time the Board has felt the necessity of sending out more Zenana Sisters. After full consideration of the subject it at length called upon the Women's Missionary Society of Philadelphia and its neighborhood to suggest the name of some young woman, if possible a graduate in medicine, who might be willing to accept a call to engage in our Zenana work. The members of that Society cheerfully undertook the task of finding a suitable person, and at length presented the name of Miss Charlotte Swenson, of Axtell, Kan., who, though without medical knowledge, seemed in every other respect to answer the requirements of

the field and its interests. The Board accordingly extended her a call to become a Zenana Sister, which she accepted, and on the evening of July 17, 1895, at a Farewell Service held in St. James' (German) Church, Philadelphia, at which the Rev. Dr. Schmidt and his family were present, Miss Swenson was solemnly consecrated to the office and duty to which she had been formally called. On July 20th in company with Dr. Schmidt and his family she set sail for India, and we trust that she has by this time safely reached her destination.

With the sending out of this new Zenana Sister, the Board, however, is not yet satisfied. It realizes the growing importance of this branch of the work, and is convinced that a woman acquainted with the practice of medicine would be of great value to our Mission, and the means of doing much good among the women of India. One of our Women's Missionary Societies has undertaken to assist a young woman who has commenced the study of medicine, but it will be nearly four years before she will be prepared to go out to India. In the meantime we hope to secure another woman who, serving as a Zenana Sister, will, with her knowledge of medicine, be able to help the afflicted in body, and at the same time prepare the way for regular efficient hospital service.

THE NEED OF A HOSPITAL

in our Mission seems to be generally conceded. It is true that the English Government has provided such an institution in Rajahmundry, but even there as well as in other parts of our field there seems to be a demand for a hospital where poor suffering humanity may receive the remedies and relief that the advanced state of medical science now so freely offers. The caste idea and other prejudices come in to prevent poor Christians from enjoying the advantages extended by established hospitals, so that the question is a very serious one: Ought not the Church provide the means necessary for the physical well-being and restoration to health of those upon whom disease has laid its heavy hand? But then here come in other questions of great weight that make it difficult to answer the first. Were we to establish a Hospital, should it be for Christians, or should its doors be open to all who in suffering come seeking relief? Again, should it be a Hospital for women only, or should it be for both men and women? Should it be located at Rajahmundry, or at some other place in our field? The Women's Missionary Society of the Pennsylvania Ministerium has already taken action in this matter and has resolved to establish a Hospital for women in Rajahmundry. Your

Board, however, at its meeting, November 26, 1894, "*Resolved*, That we, as a Board, proceed to move in the direction of providing a Hospital at such place within our district in India as may hereafter be determined, and that the Mission Council be requested to give us their views on this subject."

We have conferred with Drs. Schmidt and Edman, and have had the written opinions of the other Missionaries, but as yet have not been able to come to a decision. Yet it is a question that cannot wait too long for an answer. If Dr. Edman should be able to return to India in the near future, and a woman doctor should also be sent out soon, our hope is that they, in conference with the other Missionaries, might be able to make such suggestions and propose such a plan as would assist the Board to come to a wise and proper conclusion.

But it must be remembered that if a Hospital is to be established, it should be no mean affair. It should be well equipped, having all the appliances and apparatus necessary to a first-class institution. This fact has helped to make the Board move slowly in this direction, while other parts of the work seemed to call for more immediate attention, but it is mentioned here that those who are favorable to the establishment of such a means of doing good may order their gifts accordingly and provide liberally for its maintenance.

THE MISSIONARY PAPERS.

The Board has continued the publication of *The Missions-Bote* and *The Foreign Missionary*. The first named is edited by the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten with the assistance of the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth and the Rev. H. Grahn ; the editors of the second are the Rev. E. E. Sibole and the Rev. E. R. Cassaday. To all of these brethren the thanks of the General Council and of the Church are most certainly due. They have given their time and talents to these papers without any compensation whatever, and the amount of good they have done by keeping Sunday-schools, congregations and individuals interested in the cause of Foreign Missions no man can estimate.

We are now printing every month 13,500 copies of *The Missions-Bote* and 7000 copies of *The Foreign Missionary*. That the number of subscribers for the last named paper ought to be much greater none will deny. It is the only publication of its kind in the English language within the General Council and the support accorded it should be so general and hearty that it would prove a source of revenue rather than a drain on our treasury. Yet we would not affirm that its publication is

a loss or financial injury to the cause. On the contrary there is no doubt that many coutributions have been received which would never have reached us had it not been that *The Foreign Missionary* represented our work and pressed our needs to the attention of its readers.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

The Treasurer's report for the two years ending October 5, 1895, is as follows:

The Foreign Mission Fund.

Receipts (including balance from former report of $3,634.67),	$40,783 61
Expenditures,	37,333 99
Balance,	$3,449 62

The Missions-Bote.

Receipts,	$4,272 00
Expenditures,	2,868 08
Balance,	$1,403 92

The Foreign Missionary.

Receipts,	$1,339 53
Expenditures,	1,552 64
Deficit,	$213 11

Summary.

Foreign Mission Fund, balance,	$3,449 62
The Missions-Bote, "	1,403 92
	$4,853 54
The Foreign Missionary, overdrawn,	213 11
	$4,640 43

Comparison.

	1893.	1895.
Receipts reported,	$32,856 52	$40,783 61
Expenditures reported,	30,844 30	37,333 99
Increase in receipts,		7,927 09
" expenditures,		6,489 69

While this financial showing is very gratifying in several respects, it will be noticed that the expenditures for the past two years exceeded the receipts for the same period by the sum of $185.05, and had it not been for the balance carried over from the last report we would have been in debt to that amount. Again, it will be noticed that, notwithstanding the fact just mentioned, and the deficiency in the account of *The Foreign Missionary*, the actual balance in hand at this time is $4,640.43, or $1,005.76 more than the balance carried over at the time of the last report. This is due to the profits accruing to the Treasury from *The Missions-Bote*. But the Board regrets that the expenses should exceed the receipts to the Mission Fund, and it hopes that the friends of the work will remember this great interest of the Church in a still more liberal manner than in past years.

STATISTICS OF THE MISSION.

Number of Missionaries	8
" " wives	8
" Zenana Sisters	3
" Native Pastors	2
" Evangelists	4
" Catechists	2
" Teachers	137
Whole number of Mission Workers	164
Number of Missionaries, Missionaries' wives and Zenana Sisters away from the field on leave of absence	5
Number of Principal Stations	7
" Villages where schools have been established	102
Number of Villages where the Gospel is preached	191
" Adults baptized, Jan. 1, '95, to June 30, '95	124
" Children " " " " "	150
" Confirmed, " " " "	15
" Communicants	1763
Whole number of Christians	4484
Number of Children in the Schools	1893
Gain in number of Christians	727
" " Children in the Schools	284

MISCELLANEOUS.

On February 26, 1894, the following was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, This Board has for several years already in its regular meetings been so kindly accommodated by the generous hospitality of the authorities of the Mary J. Drexel Home; *Therefore*, We gratefully extend to the said authorities, and especially to their honorable President, Mr. John D. Lankenau, our most sincere thanks, the expression of our highest appreciation of their kindness, and the assurance of our readiness, as far as lies in our power, personally and in our official position in the Church, to co-operate with them in the material support of the noble Institution which their benevolence has founded and controls. *Further*, For the very generous accommodations which the same authorities have granted to several of our missionaries on their way through this city, we offer our sincere thanks, assured that the memory of what they have here enjoyed will long continue to be fondly cherished by our Brethren now laboring in far distant India.

There are at present but two native Pastors on the field. Their support is annually contributed by the Sunday-School of St. John's (German) Church, Reading, Pa., and by two gentlemen, brothers, of the same congregation.

The Mission is now in possession of a typewriter. It is under the care of the Superintendent of the Seminary, but the Board has resolved that another missionary shall also learn to use it, a resolution which may be of practical benefit to all.

The Board has considered the advisability of providing some form of certificate, to be used in securing annual subscriptions for the support of the work it is charged to perform. The only action taken thus far on this subject has been the appointment of a committee, with instructions to secure such a form and to lay it before the Board for its approval.

The Dove of Peace, the boat that has for so long a time carried our missionaries along the canals, through certain parts of the District, grown old in the service, has at last gone to pieces. A new boat is therefore necessary. Indeed, the expansion of the work and the increase of missionaries make it desirable to have two or three such means of conveyance. The Board is happy to say that a gentleman and his wife, whose

names must remain unknown, have given six hundred dollars to purchase another boat, and a lady and gentleman in Philadelphia are collecting one dollar contributions for the purpose of securing still another. Accordingly, instructions have been sent out to have two boats built, and a portion of the money to meet the expense has been forwarded.

We desire to direct attention to the great number of pupils who are supported out of the general funds of the Mission. The *scholarship* plan offers an easy way for congregations, schools, societies and individuals to aid us in our work. By the payment of five hundred dollars at one time, or thirty dollars a year, the right of naming a scholarship and the thought of always doing good are at once secured. We appeal to the Church to take the remaining scholarships. The obligation to pay thirty dollars may terminate at the will of the subscriber.

The Rules and Regulations by which the Mission and the Missionaries on the one hand and the Board on the other are guided and directed, have undergone considerable revision and are now almost ready to be placed in the printer's hands.

Of those elected members of the Board at your last meeting, the Rev. Dr. M. C. Horine and the Rev. Dr. H. V. Hilprecht tendered their resignations, which were accepted, and owing to ill health, the Rev. F. P. Bender has not met with us for a long time.

Again thanking God for His great blessing and praying Him that in the future still greater deeds may be done for Christ, the darkness of heathenism be driven still farther back before the Light of Life, and many souls be added to the number of such as shall be saved, this Report is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Board,

WM. ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER,

Corresponding Secretary.

Germantown, Phila., Pa.

. . . MINUTES . . .

OF THE

TWENTY-SIXTH CONVENTION

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America,

HELD IN

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ERIE, PA.,

OCTOBER 14-20, A. D. 1897.

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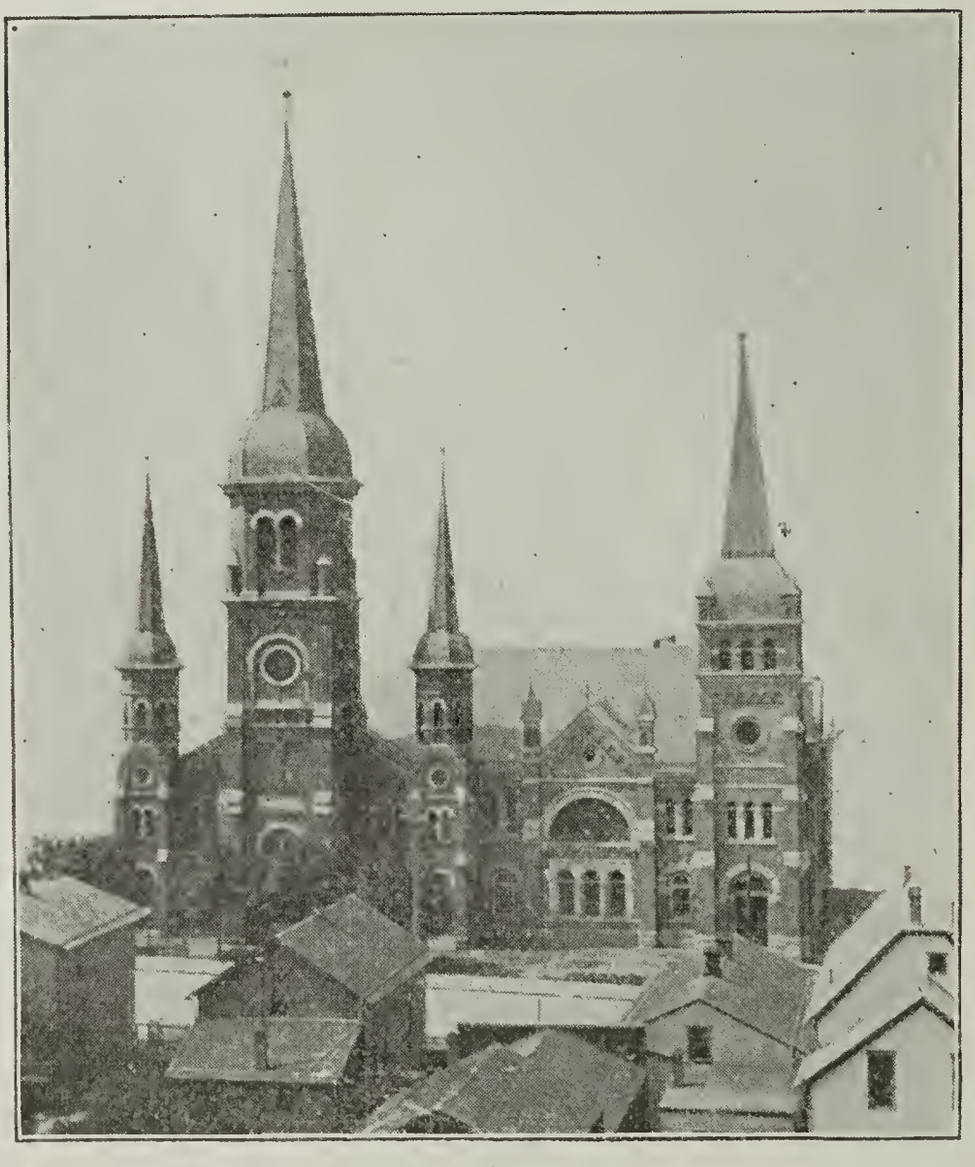
St. John's German Church, Erie, Pa.



On the southern shore of Lake Erie, about midway between Buffalo and Cleveland, is the city of Erie, a lake port and manufacturing city of fifty thousand population, the most important city in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

The Lutherans have the largest number of Protestant Churches. Of the eight Lutheran Churches, six, with their five pastors, belong to the General Council.

St. John's (German), at Twenty-third and Peach streets, Rev. G. A. Benze, pastor, is the oldest Lutheran congregation in the city. Its records go back to 1808. It numbers 1,200 communicants. The present church edifice, as enlarged and remodeled last year, is the largest Protestant auditorium in Erie. The Church owns a mission chapel, St. Stephen's, in the southeastern part of the city.

The English Luther Memorial Congregation was organized in 1861. Its large church is situated at Eleventh and Peach. The congregation conducts a mission Sunday-school at Tenth and Wayne.

Bethany Swedish Lutheran Congregation, organized about ten years ago, worships in a frame church, corner of Tenth and German streets.

In 1891 the Memorial Church opened a mission on Poplar, between Ninteenth and Twentieth, which has become Zion's English Church.

St. Luke's German-English Church, worshiping on West Ninth street, was organized last January.

MINUTES.

OPENING SERVICE.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Erie, Pa.,
Thursday, October 14, A. D. 1897.

The Twenty-sixth Convention of "The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America" was held in St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Erie, Pa., Rev. G. A. Benze, pastor, commencing at 10 a. m., Thursday, October 14, 1897.

The opening service was conducted by the President, Rev. Dr. E. F. Moldehnke, assisted by the English Recording Secretary, Rev. W. K. Frick, and consisted of the Order for Public Confession, followed by the Order of Morning Service, commencing with the Introit. The sermon was, by the appointment of the President, preached by Rev. Fred. A. Kaehler, pastor of Holy Trinity, Buffalo, on Mark ix, 7,

"The Message to the Church from the Mount of Transfiguration."

The Holy Communion was then administered to the members of the Council and visiting brethren.

FIRST SESSION.

St. John's Church,
Thursday, October 14, 2:30 p. m.

The first Business Session was opened by the President according to the Order for the Opening of Synods, Hymn 248 being sung.

The Executive Committee reported on the credentials (Minutes 1895, p. 77) and thereupon the roll of delegates was called. As completed at the close of the Convention, it is as follows:

ROLL OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

I. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

CLERICAL.

Rev. Prof. Theo. L. Seip, D. D., *ex-officio*.
" Prof. Adolph Spaeth, D. D., LL. D.
" Theodore E. Schmauk, D. D.
" Samuel Laird, D. D.
" Prof. Stephen A. Repass, D. D.
" Joseph A. Siess, D. D., LL. D., L. H. D.
" Frederick W. Weiskotten.
" Solomon E. Ochsenford, D. D.
" Oliver P. Smith, D. D.
" Franklin J. F. Schantz, D. D.
" Charles L. Fry.
" Prof. J. Steinhaueser.
" Lewis Lindenstruth.
" Robert D. Roeder.
" George H. Trabert, D. D.
" John H. Kuder.
" Prof. Matthias H. Richards, D. D.
" George W. Sandt.
" Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D.
" John E. Whitteker.

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Louis van Gilluwe.
William H. Staake, Esq.
John W. Holman.
Charles B. Opp.
Harry L. Hungerford.
Frank P. D. Miller.
Oliver Williams.
Prof. Clement A. Marks.
George W. March.
Thomas W. Saeger.
Geo. E. Schlegelmilch.

II. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries.

CLERICAL.

Rev. Edward F. Moldehnke, Ph. D., D. D.
" Gottlieb C. Berkemeier.
" Frederick A. Kaehler.
" Daniel W. Peterson.
" John A. W. Kirsch.
" Prof. John Nicum, D. D.
" Gustavus A. Bierdemann.
" Frederick W. Oswald.
" William F. Bacher.
" George H. Gomph.
" William L. Hunton.

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MARTIN WULFF.
WILLIAM HENGERER.
JOHN W. SALZMANN.
JOHN SUTTER.
F. MILLERING.
M. H. C. BROMBACHER.
FREDERICK KANDEL.
A. J. P. WEDEMEYER.
LOUIS W. KAUFMANN.
JOHN KUNTZ.

III. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

CLERICAL.

REV. GUSTAVE A. BENZE.
" DAVID H. GEISSINGER, D. D.
" WILLIAM A. PASSAVANT, JR.
" JACOB C. KUNZMANN.
" FERDINAND W. E. PESCHAU, D. D.
" ISAAC O. BAKER.
" J. LAWSON SMITH, D. D.
" HENRY W. ROTH, D. D.
" ELMER F. KRAUSS.
" JOHN G. REINARTZ.
" FREDERICK W. KOHLER.

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SAMUEL J. BECK.
CHRISTIAN SCHNEPF.
WILLIAM A. GRIFFITH.
CHARLES SCHIMMELFENG.
FREDERICK H. SCHUTTE.
J. BOYD DUFF, ESQ.
HON. AMOS TROUT.
J. W. KING, ESQ.
J. L. FREDERICK.

IV. Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio.

CLERICAL.

REV. JACOB H. SMITH, *ex-officio*.
" FRANK RICHARDS, D. D.
" GEORGE W. MECHLING.

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CHARLES BAKER.

V. Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod.

CLERICAL.

REV. CARL A. EWALD,
" ANDERS P. FORS.
" SWEN P. A. LINDAHL, D. D.
" JONAS J. FRODEEN.
" GUSTAF RAST.
" LAWRENCE A. JOHNSTON.

Rev. P. Axel Wenner.
" Philip G. Thelander.
" Ludwig Holmes, L. H. D.
" Joseph A. Anderson.
" Oscar A. Landell.
" Gustaf A. Brandelle.
" John V. Carlson.
" Julius Lincoln.
" S. G. Ohman.
" Carl A. Blomgren, Ph. D.
" Carl G. Olson.
" Carl J. Bengston.
" Carl Solomonson.
" Theodore Ekblad.

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Gustaf Bodin.
Per A. Lamberg.
Carl A. Ryden.
Louis L. Malm.
Anders G. Anderson.
Fred. O. Thuleen.
Oscar W. Anderson.
Olaf Sohlberg, M. D.
Charles G. Schultz.
Axel G. Carlson.

VI. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

CLERICAL.

Rev. Emil Hoffmann, *ex-officio*.
" J. Langholz.

VII. Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

CLERICAL.

Rev. Prof. George H. Gerberding, D. D., *ex-officio*.
" H. L. McMurray.

LAY.

Walter D. Killian.
Martin L. Deck,

VIII. English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

CLERICAL.

Rev. Prof. William K. Frick, *ex-officio*.

LAY.

Charles A. Smith.

IX. German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

CLERICAL.

Rev. Martin Ruccius, *ex-officio*.

WITH PRIVILEGE OF DEBATE.

(German) Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa.

(No delegate present.)

Delegates present: 71 Clerical, 44 Lay. Total. 115.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

From the General Synod.

Rev. H. Louis Baugher, D. D., Gettysburg, Pa.

From the United Norwegian Church.

Rev. John O. Hougen, Manitowoc, Wis.

From the United Danish Church.

Rev. Jens J. Kildsig, Brooklyn, N. Y.

NAMES OF VISITING CLERGYMEN IN THE UNITY OF THE FAITH WITH THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

L. Otto Benze.
C. Theodore Benze.
F. P. Bossart.
Herman Brezing.
G. Adolph Bruegel.
C. L. V. Dozer.
Carl Goedel.
W. E. Frey.
W. H. Greever.
Emanuel N. Heimann.
Geo. Johannes.
A. B. Markley.
Jos. H. Orr.
Hiram Peters.
William M. Rehrig, Ph.D.
A. P. Saeter.
John A. Scheffer.
George S. Seaman.
H. Douglas Spaeth.
G. W. Spiggle.
Isaac H. Stettler.
James Q. Waters.

Rev. Dr. Moldehnke then read his official report as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

DEAR BRETHREN:

A truly grand declaration, wrought by the gracious agency of the Holy Ghost, and the profession of a holy resolution, is that of the Psalmist: "I have chosen the way of truth," (cxix, 30.) Such was the testimony of our General Council when it was organized thirty years ago, and the Lord's blessings have continued with it ever since. There has been a growth in knowledge, in firmness, in harmonious co-operation. What a contrast between then and now! The future belongs to our General Council, because it occupies the golden mean between eccentric doctrinal tendencies to the right and to the left of it, acknowledging the truth wherever found, and, while unflinchingly opposed to error, bearing its adversaries no ill will. True conservatism is the character of its position. Some have considered its development too slow, and, despairing too quickly, have severed their connection with it, while others for the same reason have not united with it.

Nevertheless, the General Council has doubled its numerical strength within the last thirty years. In 1867 it comprised thirteen Synods, among them the German Synod of Iowa, and the Synods of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas and Illinois. (See Minutes of 1867.) At that time it numbered 575 pastors, 1,101 congregations, and 144,716 communicant members; but, according to last year's statistics, and notwithstanding the withdrawal of the above Synods, the General Council had a membership of 1,138 pastors, 1,908 congregations, and 326,833 communicants, numbers that will certainly show a considerable increase this year.

Missions.

Unfortunately, the hard times since our last meeting have been a sore handicap to us also. Our work grows apace with the expansion of missionary fields, and we hear the complaint, whence shall we get the means to properly carry on the work of the Lord? There is now no such lack of workers as there was formerly, but a far greater scarcity of means. Thus the Board of English Home Missions and the Board of Foreign Missions are hampered by debts. This should not be. Not-

withstanding the hard times it ought to be an easy matter to pay off these debts within our General Council and to obtain even more abundant means for carrying on the supremely important work of these committees. Our Swedish brethren are working indefatigably in spite of hard times and pressing debts, in order to maintain their institutions and to cast their mission nets even further. The Board of German Home Missions has fortunately no debts and is making good progress. This summer, in the month of July, a new Synod, which embraces the missionaries sent out by this Board and the congregations served by these missionaries in the northwestern provinces of Canada, was organized. This new Synod has resolved to apply for admission into the General Council.

The Emigrant Mission has had to suffer somewhat by the decrease of immigration, but the Lord has so far been a gracious helper. The Deaconess work is expanding under the Divine blessing, and our institutions of learning are, even though poor in resources, nevertheless rich in able and untiring instructors and promising young men.

Synodical Growth.

We are glad to notice in the various Synods of our body, despite the hard times, a steady and encouraging gain of new churches, congregations and pastors. The English Synods of the West, though small and still feeble, viz.: the Chicago Synod and the Synod of the Northwest, which is tenderly called the Benjamin of the General Council, vie with the older Synods in working for God's Kingdom. May the Lord increase them and raise up many friends to help them! Although we are cognizant of our own weaknesses and faults, and must therefore be patient and lenient with others, yet at the same time we carry on high the banner of old and true Lutheranism, and continue faithful in the profession of truth and unfaltering in its testimony.

"I have chosen the way of truth." This determines

Our Relation to the General Synod.

An honest and blessed co-operation is practicable only when there is a thorough agreement in the true doctrine. We may have some united action in works of mercy, and, perhaps, in the liturgical forms of the Church service, but even in the sphere of

Home Missions there have been frictions and irritations clearly demonstrating that notwithstanding the mutual and friendly resolutions passed by both bodies, not even a good modus vivendi is possible without the true Lutheran spirit.

Correspondence with the Synod of Missouri.

To our protest against the inroads made by the Missouri Synod in our mission-fields in the Canadian Northwest, by resolution of the General Council transmitted by me and the German Corresponding Secretary to the President of said body, we have received a polite answer, which, though we gratefully acknowledge its politeness, lets the matter, however, rest just where it was before.

We deplore most deeply the schisms in our Church and gladly hail all honest attempts to heal "the affliction of Joseph." Therefore we regret that no general free conference has taken place during 1896. Such conferences, many experiences to the contrary notwithstanding, might bring us gradually nearer to the desired unity.

Texas Synod.

For truth's sake, we must admit, that, at the last meeting of the General Council, we, in the hurry of the moment, neglected to bid a friendly farewell to the Texas Synod.

We were all, as it seems, under the erroneous impression that the Texas Synod had previously received the assent of the General Council to its withdrawal and its connection with the Iowa Synod, and when the Committee reported the withdrawal, without further remarks, as an accomplished fact, done with the consent of the General Council, this report was simply adopted without debate.

The Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio has formulated a

Complaint

charging the Pittsburgh Synod with unfairness in trying to retain those of its congregations which are in the field of the District Synod.

For truth's sake I was obliged to repel the attack which

Pastor Johannes Paulsen

launched against his own pupils who are serving our Church in America. The honor of our Church demanded an investigation

of this distasteful matter. I asked the Presidents of the Synods connected with us, as well as the Presidents of the Synodical Conference and of the Iowa Synod to make a searching inquiry, and, if necessary, to institute disciplinary proceedings against the guilty. The result of these investigations, however, went to prove that a large number of former Kropp students owed nothing at all, while others were faithfully endeavoring to pay off their debts. Some were too poor to pay, and were moreover, as a matter of fact, not under obligation to begin their payments until they received a yearly income of $800 or $1,000. A few belonging to the first graduated classes claimed that they had been admitted free, and that their board and tuition had been paid by the General Council. The investigation established the fact that only a few had been negligent in liquidating their debts.

Inasmuch as Pastor Paulsen has done a great service to our Church in America by sending us more than one hundred ministers, I endeavored to rebuke him as gently as possible and to defend in the "Lutheran" and the "Lutherische Herold" the honor of our Lutheran Church. In consequence of the many inquiries, discussions and explanations, a fair method of liquidating these debts has been devised.

"The Lutheran,"

To our great joy the unity in faith and doctrinal confession among our English-speaking brethren in the General Council has proved so great that an official English Church paper, "The Lutheran," has been started and has appeared regularly every week since last year. Honor be to the men who have so indefatigably toiled for the consummation of this highly important work. The thanks of the General Council are due the editor, his fellow-workers, and especially the managing editor of the paper. May the Lord prosper this undertaking still more abundantly for the Church's good. We trust that, while in former years the establishment of a German Church paper seemed unadvisable, the time may soon come when the German portion of our Body will have its official Church paper also. We deem the recent establishment of a

Publication House

an onward step in the right direction. May the Lord bless this undertaking also!

The family of Rev. Mr. Frederick have offered to dispose of the stock and fixtures of "The Lutheran Book Store" to the General Council.

In conclusion, I beg leave to direct your honorable body's attention to the importance of the

Christian Education

of our children and youth. By common consent it is admitted that the Sunday-school falls short of grounding our youth thoroughly in the Lord's Word. Frequent complaint is made that parents are very negligent in this respect, either disregarding their sacred obligations entirely, or else attending to them quite indifferently. Daily family worship should be persistently urged and held in every household. There is not only a frightful desertion from our Church, but also from all Christian faith and life in general. We should encourage our people to establish and maintain Christian week-day schools, and wherever, for some valid reason, parochial schools cannot be maintained, there should be provided religious instruction on at least some days of the week, in addition to the regular catechetical classes.

And now, dear brethren, though there may be some difference of opinion in regard to various matters of theory and practice, still this should not mar the unity in the spirit, nor loosen the bonds of peace. "Be ye strong and let not your hands be slack, for your work shall be rewarded" (2 Chron. xv. 7). May the Lord richly bless the deliberations of this Convention.

EDWARD F. MOLDEHNKE.

Erie, Pa., Oct. 14, 1897.

The report was received and referred to the appropriate committee.

On the report of the Executive Committee the Council determined the following

SPECIAL ORDERS FOR THE SEVERAL DAYS.

Friday Morning.

Reception of Official Visitors.

Discussion of the "Fundamental Principles of Faith."

Friday Afternoon.

Foreign Mission Work.

Sunday-school Work.

Saturday Morning.

English, German and Swedish Home Missions.

Reorganization of Home Mission Work.

Immigrant Mission Work.

Report of Publication Board.

Saturday Afternoon.

Church Book and Sunday-school Book.

"The Lutheran."

Monday Morning.

Jewish Missions.

Deaconess Work.

Conference with the General Synod. (Minutes 1895, p. 15.)

Monday Afternoon.

Conference, etc., continued.

Proposed General Conference.

(The order was observed, but not the time, Saturday morning's orders crowding over into Monday.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Wm. H. Staake, Esq., presented his report. The General Expense Fund was referred to an Auditing Committee, whose report is thereto appended.

Account of William H. Staake, Treasurer.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

1895-1897.

Dr.

1895.					
	Balance from last audit				$ 225 08
1896.					
Jan. 7.	To Cash—	Rev. Hugo Grahn			3 00
Jan. 14.	"	"	Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Treasurer of Publication Committee		1,000 00
Feb. 10	"	"	Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Treasurer of Publication Committee		2,000 00
June 8.	"	"	Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Treasurer of Publication Committee		2,000 00
			Being made up as follows:		
			German publications	$1,543 90	
			English publications	2,456 10	
					$5,228 08

Cr.

1895.					
Oct. 12.	By Cash—	William H. Staake, amounts advanced by him at Easton, Pa., to pay the "Free Press" for printing 200 three-page circulars			$5 00
		Rev. Dr. J. Nicum, for Mr. Fleming, Secretary of Trunk Line Com.:			
		Traveling of special agent....	6 00		
		1 day's pay of agent.....	5 00		
		For Register	45		
					11 45
		Dr. Edmund Belfour, traveling expenses in attending Convention of the United Synod of the South, as Visitor from the Council			11 00
		Rev. W. K. Frick, Eng. Rec. Secretary, on account printing Minutes 1895....			25 00
		Expressage			1 20
Dec. 16.	By Cash—	Craig, Finley & Co., printing Report of For. Miss. Board.....			253 56
1896.					
Jan. 14.	" "	Rev. W. K. Frick, Recording Secretary, for sending out Minutes and for Transcribing the Protocol.....			100 00
Feb. 24.	" "	Craig, Finley & Co., printing.....			5 39
Feb. 27.	" "	Rev. W. K. Frick, for 2,000 copies of Minutes			250 00
Mch. 20	" "	King-Fowle-Magee Co., 4,000 pamphlets, 16 pp. and cover bd., of English H. M. Report			48 00
May 4.	" "	Rev. J. Nicum, Ger. Rec. Secretary, for translating Minutes of Convention, 1895, into German.....			25 00
June 9.	" "	Wartburg Printing House, printing 1,500 German Minutes			197 00
Dec. 18.	" "	Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, expenses as delegate to the United Norwegian Church			39 10
1897.					
Feb. 10.	" "	E. August Miller, Treasurer, English publications		$1,000 00	
		Rev. J. J. Kuendig, Treasurer, German publications	1,000 00		
					2,000 00
		Rev. H. K. Gebhart, expenses as a delegate to Icelandic Synod.....			13 28
July 24.	" "	E. August Miller, Treasurer, English Home Miss. Com., two-thirds net proceeds English publications, received Feb. 10 and June 8, 1897, being two-thirds of $2,456.10.....	1,637 40		
		Less amount received Feb. 10, 1897	1,000 00		
					637 40

	Transferred to Foreign Mission Fund, one-third net proceeds English publications	818 70		
	Rev. J. J. Kuendig, Treasurer German Home Mission Com., two-thirds net proceeds German publications, received Feb. 10 and June 8, 1897, being two-thirds of $1,543 90, or $1,029 27			
	Less amount received Feb. 10, 1897, ...$1,000 00	29 27		
	Transferred to Foreign Mission Fund, one-third net proceeds German publications	514 63		
			2,000	00
July 27. " "	Rev. J. Nicum, account convention G. C., at Erie in October		11	00
			$4,995	98
	Balance		232	10
			$5,228	08

We hereby certify that we have examined the above account and have vouched the same and find it correct as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

S. E. Ochsenford,
Chas. Baker,
Gustaf Bodin.

The report was accepted and adopted.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1895–1897.

Dr.

To Cash—Rev. Hugo Grahn, Agent of the Committee and others, as acknowledged in "Missionsbote" and "Foreign Missionary"	$35,077	36	
" " Balance from last audit.....	4,640	43	
" " Transferred from General Expense Fund :			
Proceeds of German Publications.....	514	63	
Proceeds of English Publications.....	818	70	
	$41,051	12	

Cr.

The Treasurer craves credit for the following disbursements:

By Cash—Rev. John Telleen, Salary..... .....$	2,670	87	
" " Rev. H. C. Schmidt, "	2,520	40	
" " Rev. E. Pohl, "	1,680	00	
" " Rev. R. Arps, "	1,619	50	
" " Rev. H. E. Isaacson, "	1,534	75	
" " Rev. F. J. McCready, "	2,089	98	

By Cash	—Rev. C. F. Kuder, salary	$	643 20
" "	Rev. E. H. Mueller, "		562 39
" "	Rev. Hugo Grahn, " etc.		425 33
" "	Rev. Paul Bæhnisch, "		380 06
" "	Miss Agnes Schade, "		937 50
" "	Miss Lottie Swenson, "		888 98
" "	Miss Kate Sadtler, "		383 60
" "	Rev. John Telleen, traveling expenses		1,003 24
" "	Miss Kate Sadtler, traveling expenses back to India		400 00
" "	Rev. Paul Bæhnisch, traveling expenses from Germany to America		231 68
" "	Thomas Cook & Son, ticket for Mrs. Kuder and child to Bombay		242 00
" "	Rev. E. Edman, on Rev. Arps' account, salary and rent		25 00
" "	Rev. E. Edman, salary and rent		556 37
" "	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, general expenses		11,825 00
" "	" famine in India		247 86
" "	Rev. C. F. Kuder, traveling expenses for two children		82 35
" "	Mrs. C. F. Kuder, traveling expenses, on Rev. Kuder's account		266 99
" "	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, for Rev. Pohl's house		2,000 00
" "	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, for a tent		200 00
" "	Rev. H. C. Bielinski, on Rev. Bæhnisch account		10 00
" "	Rev. H. Grahn, for St. Chrischona		5 00
" "	Mrs. R. Pohl, for children		210 00
" "	" " on Rev. Pohl's account		472 50
" "	Rev. E. Edman, on Rev. Isaacson's account		103 25
" "	Dortlef Christiansen, on Rev. Arps' "		30 00
" "	Buchhandler Schnippel, " "		18 00
" "	Frau Pastor Reuss, " "		9 00
" "	Rev. H. Voss		11 00
" "	Rev. H. E. Isaacson, Caste High School		50 00
" "	Rev. J. A. Waters, on McCready's account		10 63
" "	Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, " "		60 80
" "	Rev. Dr. H. B. Seibert, Syrian Orphanage		17 55
" "	Rev. L. H. Gerndt, Dr. Nottrott's India Mission		2 00
" "	Allentown National Bank, on Rev. Kuder's account		652 50
" "	Mason & Hamlin Co., ditto for organ		36 80
" "	Rev. H. Grahn, Dr. Schmidt's account		12 10
" "	Rev. E. H. Mueller outfit and traveling expenses		948 75
" "	Miss A. Mueller, freight to India for Rev. Mueller		10 61
" "	Miss Nancy M. Mattes, freight on organ to India		17 40
" "	J. Peterson & Co., organ on Miss Swenson's account		76 77
" "	Mrs. Josie Blomgren, Rev. Isaacson's account		3 00
" "	Rev. C. E. Elving, " " "		4 25
" "	Presbyterian Ministers' Fund, Rev. Mueller's life insurance		16 72
" "	Rev. E. Edman, freight on box to India		34 17
" "	Rev. Samuel Laird, interest on Seminary loan		135 00
" "	" " " account of principal of Seminary loan,		1,500 00
" "	Rev. E. H. Pohle, traveling expenses to and from N. Y.		4 00
" "	Rev. P. Holler, outfit and traveling expenses		240 00
" "	E. Aug. Miller, Treas		43 75
" "	Rev. J. J. Kuendig, Treas		5 90
" "	G. N. Swan, Treas. Board of Missions of E. L. Aug. Synod,		5 90
" "	Rev. S. Laird, Treas		5 78
" "	Rev. Dr. Weidner, Treas		5 78

By Cash—Treas. Theol. Semin'y Swedish Aug. Synod, Rock Island, Ill.		$	5 78
" "	Orphans' Home at Germantown		28 05
" "	Wm. H. Spangenberg, services as sexton		10 00
" "	Hammond Typewriting Co., shuttles for type machines		7 60
" "	Rev. U. P. Heilman, on Rev. McCready's account,		50
" "	Felt & Farrant Manufacturing Co., for Comptometer for V. Juggaron, India		125 00
" "	Lutheran Augustana Book Concern, on Rev. Isaacson's account		10 00
" "	Protested check (afterwards made good)		22 00
" "	Rev. J. Nicum, exchanged checks for cash		240 70
" "	Check returned for endorsement, (afterwards returned with proper endorsement)		20 00
" "	Building New Seminary		1,000 00
" "	Rev. E. Pohl, traveling with sick wife to Europe		500 00
" "	Rev. J. Telleen, amount charged twice, but credited on other side of account		160 27
" "	Error in addition at last audit, (ordered by Auditing Committee to be charged in this year's account)		100 00
" "	Sundry expenses, printing postal cards, receipts, postage, discount Canada money, car fare, etc., etc		37 01
		$	40,452 87
	Balance on hand		598 25
		$	41,051 12

The above account, having been carefully examined by me, in all its particulars, I do hereby certify that I have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

J. Wash. Miller,

Auditing Committee.

October 6th, 1897.

"MISSIONSBOTE."

1895–1897.

Dr.

To Cash—Received from Rev. Hugo Grahn ..... $ 4,259 09

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The Treasurer craves allowance as follows:

By Cash—Edward Stern & Co., printing 24 Nos. "Missionsbote"		$	2,658 93
" " " " " "	postal cards		23 50
" " " " " "	250 copies Rules and Regutions Telugu Mission		32 50
" "	Levytype Co., cuts and engravings for papers		25 75
" "	National Illustrating Co., cuts and pictures for papers		27 23
" "	Phila. Photo-Electro Co., drawing & cut for Mission papers		2 00

"	"	Press Engraving Co., electros for Mission papers	$ 28 82
"	"	Photo Chromotype Engraving Co., cuts and engravings	21 48
"	"	Photo Electro Co., cuts for papers	3 00
"	"	Phila. Photo-Eng. Co., cuts & engravings for "Missionsbote"	11 37
			$2,834 58
		Oct. 6, 1897: Balance on hand	1,424 51
			$4,259 09

The above account, having been carefully examined by me, in all its particulars, I do hereby certify that I have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

J. Wash. Miller,

Auditing Committee.

October 6, 1897.

"FOREIGN MISSIONARY."

Dr.

To Cash—		Received from Rev. Grahn, Agent	$ 1,400 37
"	"	Other parties for subscription to "Foreign Missionary"	24 14
"	"	Harvey Brandt, for subscription to "Lutheran"	2 00
			$ 1,426 51
		Oct. 6, 1897: Overdrawn	49 17
			$ 1,475 68

Cr.

By Cash—		Morgan R. Wills, proprietor of the Norristown Herald, printing 23 copies of "Foreign Missionary"	$ 1,453 68
"	"	Rev. E. E. Sibole, expenses	20 00
"	"	"The Lutheran" subscription of Harvey Brandt	2 00
			$ 1,475 68

The above account, having been carefully examined by me, in all its particulars, I do hereby certify that I have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

J. Wash. Miller,

Auditing Committee.

October 6th, 1897.

ADMISSION OF THE MANITOBA SYNOD.

Rev. Martin Ruccius, President of the "German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories," was introduced to the General Council, and made formal application for the admission of his Synod, certifying that it had adopted the Constitution and the Fundamental Articles of Faith and Church Polity (see Gen. Coun. Const., Art. III., Sec. 4.), whereupon it was, by unanimous vote of the Council, accepted as a member of this Body.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President appointed as tellers: For President and Treasurer, Rev. R. D. Roeder, and Messrs. L. van Gilluwe and M. Wulff; for the Recording Secretaries, Rev. W. F. Bacher, and Messrs. J. W. Salzmann and S. J. Beck, and for the Corresponding Secretaries, Rev. E. F. Krauss, Rev. J. Lincoln, and Mr. P. A. Lamberg.

After several ballots the tellers reported the following officers as elected:

President—Rev. Dr. Edward F. Moldehnke, New York.

English Recording Secretary—Rev. William K. Frick, Milwaukee, Wis.

German Recording Secretary—Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Swedish Recording Secretary—Rev. Gustaf A. Brandelle, Denver, Col.

English Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Dr. Henry E. Jacobs, Philadelphia, Pa.

German Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Alexander Richter, Hoboken, N. J.

Swedish Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Carl A. Blomgren, Ph. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer—William H. Staake, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.

(The Presidents of the several Synods, excepting that from which the President is chosen, are ex-officio the Vice Presidents of the General Council.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

The hours of the Business Sessions were fixed at 9 to 11:45 a. m., and 2 to 5 p. m.

Twenty-five hundred copies of the English and fifteen hundred of the German Minutes were ordered to be printed.

Visiting clergymen "in the unity of the faith" with this Council were requested to hand their names to the Secretaries.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Seiss it was

Resolved, That a Committee on the Nomination of the Boards be appointed.

On motion of Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth it was

Resolved, That each Synodical delegation select one of its number to serve on this Committee.

With this exception the President appointed the following

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

I. On the President's Report—Rev. Drs. A. Spaeth and J. A. Seiss, Revs. F. A. Kaehler, J. C. Kunzmann, and C. A. Ewald, and Messrs. J. W. Holman, W. Hengerer, and P. N. Lamberg.

II. On the Treasurer's Report—Rev. Dr. S. E. Ochsenford, and Messrs. C. Baker and G. Bodin.

III. On the Nomination of the Boards—Revs. Dr. S. E. Ochsenford. G. H. Gomph, J. C. Kunzmann, G. W. Mechling, L. A. Johnston, E. Hoffmann, H. L. McMurray, and M. Ruccius, and Mr. C. A. Smith.

Various papers were received and referred to Committees to be appointed.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Seiss. Adjourned.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 15, 9:00 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. Dr. T. L. Seip, First Vice President; Hymn 244, Psalm xlvi., prayer.

The roll was called and the Minutes of Thursday were read and approved.

On the proposal of the owner of the Lutheran Book Store to sell the stock and fixtures of the said store to the General Council, the President appointed the following Committee: Revs. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, D. W. Peterson, J. C. Kunzmann, and J. H. Smith, and Messrs. J. S. Moller, S. J. Beck, C. A. Smith, L. W. Kaufmann and W. D. Killian.

Also, as a Committee to consider the petition of certain pastors of New York and vicinity with reference to the founding

of a Jewish Mission in New York City, the following: Revs. Dr. H. W. Roth, S. G. Ohman, F. W. Oswald, Dr. G. H. Gerberding, and Messrs. A. J. D. Wedemeyer, T. W. Saeger and O. Sohlberg, M. D.

Rev. Dr. Nicum presented, and the Council accepted the following report, acting upon its various items from time to time during the Convention:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE BUSINESS OF THIS CONVENTION.

At the last meeting of the General Council it was resolved "That the Executive Committee shall meet the day before the assembling of the next Convention, and arrange the business of the Council with a special view to the matters referred to the Council by the District Synods and the preceding Convention; and to this Committee shall be referred the credentials of delegates." In pursuance of this resolution a printed list of the delegates to this Convention has been prepared by members of the Executive Committee, as well as an Order of Business.

From the printed minutes of the District Synods and from abstracts of proceedings of recent Synodical meetings furnished by the secretaries, your Committee begs leave to report the following action taken by the various Synods respecting resolutions of the General Council at its last Convention, as well as some other matters which concern this body, in so far as they do not come before it in the report of the President or in some other way.

1. As to Centralization of English and German Home Mission Work. The recommendation is, in principle, approved by the Ministerium of Pa. (Eng. Min. 1896, p. 59.); still the Ministerium does not at this time see its way clear to make so sudden and radical a change in the management of its local missionary activities. It is further approved by the Synod of Pittsburgh, the District Synod of Ohio (Min. 1896, pp. 34-36) as well as by the English Synod of the Northwest, the last named adding the request that at least one member of the Home Mission Board be taken from among the members of that Synod (Min. 1897, p. 24). The Chicago Synod has deferred action until after the adoption of its new Constitution (Min. 1896, p. 30), whilst the

Ministerium of New York has disapproved of the plan (Min. 1897, p. 38.).

2. As to the Plan of Co-operation with Reference to Home Mission Work. Whilst several Synods are silent upon this matter, having taken action before the last Convention of the General Council, it has more recently been approved by the District Synod of Ohio (Min. 1896, pp. 32, ff.) and the English Synod of the Northwest. The New York Ministerium has disapproved of such co-operation on account of doctrinal and practical reasons (Min. 1897, p. 38), and the Synod of Pittsburgh, at its recent meeting, complains of the interference of General Synod missionaries within its territory. (See the conclusion of the Pittsburgh Synod's Abstract of Minutes.)

3. As to Sunday-school Lessons and Literature in German. The New York Ministerium requests the Council to also have regard for the needs of the German Sunday-schools in preparing a course of instruction and lessons for Sunday-schools (Min. 1897, p. 38). If the Pittsburgh Synod desires the same, when it requests the Council to "provide suitable German Sunday-school Literature," does not appear from the memorandum of the Secretary.

4. As to Raising the Apportionment for the Work of English Home Missions. Both the District Synod of Ohio and the Chicago Synod acknowledge the necessity of a more liberal support of the English Home Mission Work (Min. Ohio Synod, 1896, p. 34; Chicago, 1896, p. 28), and gladly welcome any measures which may result in increasing the amount of contributions. The New York Ministerium calls the attention of its English Conference to the needs of the treasury (Min. 1897, p. 38).

5. As to a General Conference. The English Synod of the Northwest resolved, with reference to the General Conference recommended by the Council, that it is the sense of this body that this Conference be held at least as far west as Chicago (Min. 1896, p. 20).

6. As to the use of Lutheran Church and Sunday-school Books. The District Synod of Ohio resolved to require its English missions to use the General Council publications in their Church and Sunday-school Work as a condition of receiving aid from Synod (Min. 1896, page 35).

7. Lutheran University. The New York Ministerium, at its last meeting, considered the establishment of a Lutheran University desirable, and recommended to the General Council that it seek the establishment of such a university (Min. 1897, p. 49. The plan is submitted in print.

8. Request that Council in future meet in September. The New York Ministerium requests the Council, if convenient, to hold its Convention earlier, say in September, urging in favor of such change that in October catechetical instruction has just begun, and that for other reasons such change would be welcome to pastors and professors in our institutions (Min. 1897, pp. 24; 56).

9. With reference to "The Lutheran." A number of Synods have heartily endorsed the editorial management of "The Lutheran," and recommended the paper to their members.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

RECEPTION OF OFFICIAL VISITORS.

Rev. John O. Hougen, of Manitowoc, Wis., the Official Visitor of the "United Norwegian Lutheran Church of America," and Rev. Jens J. Kildsig, of Brooklyn, President of the New York District of the "United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America," presented their credentials as Official Visitors of their respective Bodies, and delivered the greetings of their Synods in appropriate addresses, to which President Moldehnke made fitting response.

Rev. H. Louis Baugher, D. D., Official Visitor of the General Synod, having sent word of his inability to be present until Monday morning, it was resolved to hear him at that time.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF FAITH.

I. There must be and abide through all time, one holy Christian Church, which is the assembly of all believers, among whom the Gospel is purely preached, and the Holy Sacraments are administered, as the Gospel demands.

To the true Unity of the Church, it is sufficient that there be agreement touching the doctrine of the Gospel, that it be preached in one accord, in its pure sense, and that the Sacraments be administered conformably to God's Word.

II. The true Unity of a particular Church, in virtue of which men are truly members of one and the same Church, and by which any Church abides in real identity, and is entitled to a continuation of her name, is unity in doctrine and faith, and in the Sacraments, to-wit: That she continues to teach and to set forth, and that her true members embrace from the heart, and use, the articles of faith and the Sacraments as they were held and administered when the Church came into distinctive being and received a distinctive name.

III. The Unity of the Church is witnessed to, and made manifest in, the solemn public and official Confessions which are set forth, to-wit: The generic Unity of the Christian Church in the general Creeds, and the specific Unity of pure parts of the Christian Church in their specific Creeds; one chief object of both classes of which Creeds is, that Christians who are in the Unity of faith, may know each other as such, and may have a visible bond of fellowship.

IV. That Confessions may be such a test of Unity and bond of Union, they must be accepted in every statement of doctrine in their own true, native, original and only sense. Those who set them forth and subscribe them must not only agree to use the same words, but must use and understand those words in one and the same sense.

V. The Unity of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as a portion of the holy Christian Church, depends upon her abiding in one and the same faith, in confessing which she obtained her distinctive being and name, her political recognition, and her history.

VI. The Unaltered Augsburg Confession is by pre-eminence the Confession of that faith. The acceptance of its doctrines and the avowal of them without equivocation or mental reservation, make, mark and identify that Church, which alone in the true, original, historical and honest sense of the term is the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

VII. The only Churches, therefore, of any land, which are properly in the Unity of that Communion, and by consequence entitled to its name, Evangelical Lutheran, are those which sincerely hold and truthfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession.

VIII. We accept and acknowledge the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession in its original sense as throughout in conformity with the pure truth of which God's Word is the only rule. We accept its statements of truth as in perfect accordance with the Canonical Scriptures We reject the errors it condemns and believe that all which it commits to the liberty of the Church, of right belongs to that liberty.

IX. In thus formally accepting and acknowledging the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, we declare our conviction, that the other Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, inasmuch as they set forth none other than its system of doctrine, and articles of faith, are of necessity pure and scriptural. Preeminent among such accordant, pure, and scriptural statements of doctrine, by their intrinsic excellence, by the great and necessary ends for which they were prepared, by their historical position, and by the general judgment of the Church, are these: the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, all of which are, with the Unaltered Augsburg onfession, in the perfect harmony of one and the same scriptural faith.

DOCTRINAL DISCUSSION.

The first thesis of the "Fundamental Principles of Faith" of the General Council was discussed from 10 a. m., to adjournment. It was resolved to devote an additional hour to-morrow morning to this discussion.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Repass, of Allentown, Pa. Adjourned.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 15, 2:00 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. Carl Solomonson, of Evanston, Ill.; Hymn 253, Psalm cxi, prayer.

The morning Minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, Corresponding Secretary, read the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

MR. PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN:

Notwithstanding the fact that since your last meeting in Easton, Pa., the country has had a trying experience in its business and financial conditions, the work entrusted to your Board of Foreign Missions has been carried on with a degree of success that at once calls for the devout gratitude of all who love God and wait for His appearing.

This success is not to be seen in the erection of many large and handsome buildings in the various parts of our mission territory, nor in the adding of multitudes to the number of such as shall be saved, but in the steady and healthy growth of the work on heathen soil, in the widening of our boundaries, in the faithful and still more efficient service of the laborers on the field, and in the continued and increasing interest felt and manifested by the Church at home in the welfare and prosperity of the Church in the land of darkness, ignorance and superstition.

If we look for the cause of this success we will find it, first in the blessing God has been pleased to grant to this part of our work, then in the earnest, faithful and consecrated intelligence and zeal of our Missionaries, Zenana Sisters, and their co-workers, and last of all in the assistance and prayers of hundreds and thousands here who desire that all should come to know Him, whom to know aright is life everlasting.

The Board, then, through you, asks the Church to acknowledge God's goodness in accepting and furthering their work, and to continue its supplications that His blessing may not be withheld in the years to come, but that many more souls may be brought under the influence of the precious gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Some Changes to be Noted.

Since your last meeting the Board has lost one of its members by death, viz.: the Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., LL. D., who had for several years immediately preceding his death served as its President.

The Rev. J. Telleen, our very faithful and active Superintendent, has, since your last meeting, taken charge of a congre-

gation in the suburbs of Chicago. This allows him to give us only a part of his time, but that part is spent in visiting congregations, Synods and Conferences, in writing letters in the interest of our work, and in sending out boxes, envelopes, etc., for the Epiphany offerings. His labors have not been in vain. Much of the interest manifested in our work is due to his earnest and intelligent presentation of the cause to the congregations of the General Council.

The Board consented to use only a portion of Mr. Telleen's time in order to relieve its treasury, which has been severely taxed, and also to help the congregation in Chicago, which seemed to need his services.

Organization of the Board.

The change in the Board already mentioned, made a change of officers necessary, resulting as follows:

President—The Rev. Hugo Grahn, D. D.

English Recording Secretary—The Rev. J. L. Sibole.

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Changes in the Missionary Force.

The Rev. E. Edman, M. D., who, at the time of your last meeting, was at home on furlough, subsequently informed the Board that the health of his wife was so far restored that he felt justified in asking to be sent out again to the field.

Dr. Edman had been such a useful and efficient missionary that it was with great regret that we saw him return, after a few years of service, to this country. But when the condition of his wife's health was considered, the Board saw that there was no other course for him to follow. Now, however, when he asked to be allowed to go back to his work, important questions at once arose and objections presented themselves. His experience and acquaintance with the language, his medical skill, and consecrated zeal, and his general efficiency made it very desirable to have him in his old place again; but on the other hand, what assurance had we that the climate would not have the same effect upon the health of his family that it had before? To send Mrs. Edman, it

was thought, would not be prudent, and to leave her here, without the companionship, care and attention of her husband, the Doctor, would not be right. Therefore, the Board, with great regret, declined to accede to the request made. Dr. Edman subsequently took pastoral charge of a congregation in Michigan, and his connection with the Board terminated Dec. 31, 1896.

Another similar change is to be noted in the case of the Rev Paul Baehnisch, who went out to India in 1893. His wife's health soon failing, he endeavored to secure its restoration by taking her first to other parts of the country, and then to Germany. At last, being assured that she could not live in India, Mr. Baehnisch tendered his resignation to the Board at a meeting held April 27, 1896. It was accepted with regret, and took effect Jan. 31, 1897. Mr. Baehnisch is now the pastor of a congregation at Hempstead, L. I.

Miss Kate Sadtler, one of our Zenana Sisters, who was at her home in Baltimore at the time we last reported to your Body, returned to India in the fall of 1896, and in addition to her Zenana work has resumed charge of the Caste Girls' School.

Mrs. Kuder, the wife of the Rev. C. F. Kuder, the efficient Superintendent of the Seminary in Rajahmundry, on account of their children, came home to this country in the spring of 1896. Having made arrangements for the care and education of the children, she started again for India Sept. 22, 1897. May God attend her every step of the way and bring her safely to her home.

It is cause for great regret that we must report the loss to our field of the services of the Rev. E. Pohl, who came to us, it will be remembered, from the Schleswig-Holstein Mission Society.

When Mr. Pohl last entered our service it was with the distinct understanding, a written agreement having been entered into to that effect, that his society should have the right to recall him whenever the circumstances on their field appeared to make it necessary, and when they did so, we were not to offer any objections to their action. Of course, we entertained the hope that such a necessity would never arise, but in May, 1896, we learned officially that Mr. Pohl was to be recalled. Every effort that could be honorably made in view of the agreement already referred to, was made by the Board, but the only result was the

postponing from time to time of Mr. Pohl's departure from our field. At last, on August 27, 1897, he left Rajahmundry and the work and service of our Board. This was a source of great regret to all acquainted with the field and its interests. His seven years of labor before he came to our Mission gave him an experience that made him a valuable and efficient missionary, and his fidelity to his calling and his Lord secured for his labors a blessing from God that none could fail to recognize. The unfinished church and house at Tadepilligudiem, which it was expected would soon become his place of residence and the centre of a large field of labor, will testify to the excellent character of his work. But still more to his commendation and the glory of God, his influence for good and his faithful preaching of the Cross of Christ, tell in language that cannot be misunderstood how he labored and toiled and prayed for the heathen among whom his lot had been cast. Our prayers accompany him to his new field of usefulness, at the same time that we implore the Divine blessing upon the seed he sowed and the souls he led to Christ while he was with us in India.

On the 25th of May, 1897, we lost one of our best mission workers, the Rev. N. Paulus. The Rev. Dr. H. C. Schmidt, our excellent and experienced Senior Missionary, says of him in an article that appeared in "The "Foreign Missionary," September, 1897:

He was a remarkable man, and one of the most influential native pastors in these parts of India. He dated from olden times, when education was at a low ebb in India, especially among his class of people. He could not write English well enough to compose glorious reports, else the missionary journals would have copied them and not forgotten to record that this native minister in little more than eighteen years baptized close to five thousand persons, not to speak of other ministerial acts. He came from the Talnad, near Guntur, and the first converts there were his relatives. He was born in the year 1842, and baptized by Dr. Heyer, together with his parents, in his childhood. It was, however, Rev. Groenning who took a special interest in the boy and gave him the best education available. Paulus always looked upon that missionary as his special benefactor, and when I first met him, in 1870, I was struck with the spiritual likeness of Groenning reflected in that Hindu Christian. He was then catechist in Muramunda, in charge of the most flourishing congregation in our mission, which might fitly be called the first fruits of Groenning's work in the Godavari district. These converts were full of that missionary's praise, and never tired telling about his work among them.

The catechists, Paulus and Joseph, had held the Christians in our mission together for about four years, whilst no Lutheran missionary had been residing in the Godavari district. Paulus became my assist-

ant, and soon, so to say, was my "right hand" in the work. He followed me in many of my mission tours, and in the beginning could outdo me in walking long distances. He did not hesitate to travel with me through Rampa, one of the most feverish districts, at a time when it was an unknown country, where Europeans hardly ever put their feet.

He was a good speaker, had a powerful voice, and his language was plain and easily understood, even by the most ignorant. But the secret of his success was his love for the people, even the poorest. He worked with great self-denial, and to his end never grew tired of seeking the lost. He would go to the Mala quarters and preach to them, and when they were friendly he would go into one of their houses, put up with them for the night, sit on their cot, and tell them of God's wonderful scheme of salvation. And that was his mode of working, even after his ordination and to his very end.

It once happened in one village that the people after such a night told him that they were glad he had come; however, they would ask him never to come again, because if he came again some would be converted, and that they were afraid of. He thereupon told them that he would go and not come again before they themselves should send for him. Soon a number of young men became interested in the gospel, and made him understand that they wished to become Christians; but Paulus did not go to their village. They then asked me to baptize them, and once half a dozen followed my boat for miles and begged me to come to their village. But I told them that Rev. Paulus was the pastor, and that they should ask him to come. At last the very people who had begged him never to come again, humbled themselves and applied to him for Christian instruction, and they are now a Christian congregation.

Rev. Paulus never was disheartened in his work, and often said, "It is only a question of time. They come all. We must only wait a little."

For eight years he worked under me as a catechist, and when he then was ordained at Christmas, 1878, he took charge of a large part of my field, where I considered him as the pastor loci. Although it remained part of my work, and I came twice a year to visit the Christian villages, examine the schools and congregations, still I never performed ministerial acts or interfered with his work, except as supervisor. He always consulted me on important matters, and he never did anything without my consent. But he also managed the work remarkably well, and showed as much sound judgment as if he had grown up in congregational work at home. He paid all the teachers and preachers, between fifty and sixty, and looked after buildings and repairs. And I always found that he got more help and labor out of the Christians than a missionary could have done. I had always hoped that he might have helped the congregations more to self support. But he was principally an evangelist, and understood how to bring the people into the Church.

Paulus managed the Christian congregations remarkably well, and generally was esteemed and loved by all. He used every opportunity to preach the gospel, and in the Bazar or at festivals he generally was permitted to preach undisturbed. All listened attentively. Sometimes he was interrupted; but he had a gentle and determined way of asking them to let him finish first, and then he would listen to their argument. His place will not easily be filled in our mission.

New Workers.

But the changes in the Missionary Force have not all been losses. There have been during the same period of time, some gains also. In May, 1896, the Board extended a call to the Rev. E. H. Mueller, at the time a student in the Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. The call was accepted, and a few weeks later, having in the meantime been ordained by the Pennsylvania Ministerium, Mr. Mueller was solemnly consecrated in St. Michael's Church, Allentown, Pa., to the office and work of a Missionary to the heathen. He is now in India, with his wife, studying the language and preparing himself for greater usefulness.

Mr. Mueller was sent out because Mr. Baehnisch came home, and Mr. Pohl's return made it necessary to send another man this year. Consequently the Board extended a call to the Rev. P. Holler, of Nebraska, and on the 5th of this month he also was consecrated to his new office, in St. Michael's Church, Germantown, Pa. On the 7th of October he sailed from New York, and is now on his way to India. He is accompanied by his wife and infant child.

The Missionaries.

This makes our working force at present as follows:

The Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D. D., in charge of Rajahmundry and the surrounding district.

The Rev. C. F. Kuder, Superintendent of the Seminary, Rajahmundry.

The Rev. F. J. McCready, in charge of Tallapudi and the outlying district.

The Rev. Rudolph Arps, in charge of Dowlaishwaram and its neighborhood.

The Rev. H. E. Isaacson, in charge of Samulcotta and its district.

The Rev. E. H. Mueller, residing temporarily at Samulcotta; not yet in charge of a district.

The Rev. Peter Holler, on the way to India.

Miss Kate S. Sadtler, in charge of the Caste Girls' School, and also engaged in Zenana work.

Miss Agnes I. Schade, in charge of the Girls' School in Rajahmundry. She also has Zenana classes.

Miss Charlotte Swenson, who assists Miss Schade, and does Zenana work.

The Rev. T. Joseph, who, under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Schmidt, has charge of the Jegurupad district.

The stations at Tadepilligudiem and Velpur are vacant, owing to the removal of the Rev. Mr. Pohl and the death of the Rev. N. Paulus. For the latter, at least, it would seem desirable to secure a native pastor, and the Board, for the sake of this and other points, has instructed the Missionary Council to seek out, as soon as possible, two or three native young men of suitable attainments and proper character, who might be ordained to the office of the ministry. We pray this effort may be successful, and that at your next meeting it will be possible to report the ordination of several Christian young men to the holy ministry, and their installation as pastors of organized congregations.

The Seminary.

The wisdom of taking the girls out of the Seminary and creating a new school, of which Miss Schade has charge, has been clearly shown by the experience of the past two years. What we thought at the time of our last report, might be very advantageous to all concerned, has, indeed, so resulted, and the change can not now be regarded as an experiment, but as a very great and established improvement in our work. The Rev. Mr. Kuder, who is much interested in the Seminary, devotes all his time to the boys, and is ably endeavoring to so promote the efficiency of the school that better teachers may be secured for District work and that others may be qualified to become ministers of the gospel.

Miss Schade, with the help of Miss Swenson, is still putting forth noble efforts to bring up the Girls' School to a proper standard, and not without success. She is intensely interested in her work and is well qualified to meet its requirements.

New School Buildings.

But the one great difficulty that both the Seminary and the Girls' School have to contend with is the want of suitable buildings. This fact was recognized several years ago, and in our last report it was stated that the erection of a new Seminary building had been commenced. Soon after that statement was made,

questions arose concerning the suitableness of the location and the condition of the treasury, and the work came to a standstill, and remains so at this present time. The chief difficulty, however, at present is the lack of funds. The demand for the building is just as great, nay, greater than it was two years ago. Mr. Kuder and his assistants can not do the work as it ought to be done with the present arrangement, and they are earnestly hoping that the Board will soon send out directions to proceed with the work of building.

Very much the same may also be said of the Girls' School, under the care of Miss Schade. That work has been carried on in a rented house, which was the best that could be had, but still is very unsatisfactory. A site for a new building, to be the property of the Mission, has been selected, but the Board, for financial reasons, has not been able to order the Council to proceed with its erection.

While Miss Schade thinks a Hospital something that the Mission ought to have, she believes that a building for the Girls' Boarding School is of primary importance. For from the school must come those who will minister to the needs of the sick; else nurses and others must be taken from the ranks of those who know not Christ, and therefore, cannot speak to the afflicted of Him who "was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities."

It is by means of the schools that much of the work in bringing India to Christ is to be done, and therefore we hope the Church will soon give us the funds necessary to erect these two much-needed buildings.

In this connection it should be stated that the Mohammedan Girls' School has gone out of existence. The difficulty in securing the proper teachers, and other reasons led the Missionary Council and Miss Schade to abolish it during the last year.

The Missionary Papers.

"The Missions-Bote" and "The Foreign Missionary" are still published by the Board, and are the chief means by which this part of the work of the Church is brought to the attention of her members. The first named is ably edited by the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, of Philadelphia, and the second by the Revs. E. E. Sibole, D. D., and E. R. Cassaday, of the same city. To these

brethren, and also to the Treasurer of the Board, Wm. H. Staake, Esq., who serves in this office without compensation, the thanks of the General Council should be promptly given.

"The Missions-Bote" has a circulation of 12,320, and "The Foreign Missionary" 6,990.

Finances.

It will be seen that the work is growing. But while the expenses have increased, the receipts have not increased proportionately. At one time during the past two years it became necessary for us to cut down the estimates of the missionaries and give them only a portion of what was asked for to carry on their work. Even then we could not meet all demands, and in September, 1896, we were obliged to borrow the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000.00). This was done on the personal note of one member of the Board.

Of the amount borrowed, one-half has been paid back, so that the present indebtedness of the Board is fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500.00). This is not a large amount, but it is entirely too large. There ought to be no debt at all, and there would not be if the whole General Council fully rose to a realization of its duty and responsibility in preaching the Gospel of Christ to those who dwell in lands of heathen darkness.

The Treasurer's Report from Oct. 5, 1895, to Sept. 30, 1897, is as follows:

The Foreign Mission Fund.

Balance	$4,640 43
Receipts	35,965 82
Total receipts	$40,606 25
Expenditures	40,427 87
Balance	$178 38

The Mission-Bote.

Receipts	$4,259 09
Expenditures	2,835 58
Balance	$1,423 51

The Foreign Missionary.

Receipts	$1,426 51
Expenditures	1,475 68
Deficit	49 17

The Ratzel Fund.

Interest on hand	$627 50

Summary.

The Foreign Mission Fund, balance	$178 38
The "Missions-bote"	1,423 51
The Ratzel Fund	627 50
	$2,229 39
The Foreign Missionary Deficit	49 17
Balance	$2,180 22

The total receipts amounted to $40,606.25; but if there be deducted from this the balance carried over from the last report, $4,640.43, and $3,000.00, which was borrowed, it will be seen that the actual receipts for the time covered by this report were $32,965.82. This is $7,462.05 less than our actual expenses for the same length of time. The Board has been as careful as possible in its expenditure of the funds entrusted to its care, but it could not prosecute the work at less cost than as above stated. Nor does it see how it can do any better during the next two years. It, therefore, specially requests the General Council to urge upon all its members the importance of remembering the Foreign Mission cause with their gifts and in their prayers. The work must be done even more extensively than heretofore; the expenses cannot be reduced any more without injury to the cause: therefore we must ask for more money.

Items.

The meetings of the Board are now held in the rooms of the Board of Publication, 1204 Walnut street, Philadelphia.

The Rules and Regulations, to which reference was made in our last report, have been finally adopted, and are now in force in the government of the Mission.. A copy of the said Rules and Regulations is herewith submitted.

In the summer of 1896 there was a very fine organ sent to Rajahmundry, the gift of Mr. Frank S. Fliemen, a member of the charge of the Rev. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, Myerstown, Pa., and was much appreciated by the Board and our Missionaries in Rajahmundry.

Acknowledgment is here made of the great assistance rendered the cause by the Women's Missionary Societies in different parts of the country. The Christmas boxes they send every year are highly valued by the Missionaries and serve to keep many of our people in touch with the interests of the Mission.

The Board desires to express its appreciation of the faithful services rendered by the Missionaries, their wives and the Zenana Sisters. It would not single out any one, but is pleased to refer to all as entitled to the thanks, regard and love of the Church at home. Let them be remembered in your prayers, that by the blessing of God they may have health and strength to go on with their work, and may see many souls gathered into the Kingdom of Christ through their instrumentality.

The Board at present consists of fifteen members, one of whom, because of the distance he must travel from his home to the place of meeting, has met with us only once or twice since his appointment. It is the opinion of the Board that it should be composed of men who live near together, and who will not be obliged to draw on the treasury to pay their traveling expenses. It is recommended that the Board be composed of fifteen clergymen, including the Superintendent, and four laymen, making a body of nineteen members.

STATISTICS.

Number of Missionaries	7
" of Missionaries' wives	7
" of Zenana Sisters	3
" of Native Pastors	1
" of Evangelists	2
" of Catechists	2
" of Teachers, etc	138
Whole number of Mission Workers	160
Number of Principal Stations	7
" of Villages where Schools have been established	113
" of Villages where the Gospel is preached	191
" of Adults baptized—Half year ending March 30, '97	136
" of Children baptized—Half year ending March 30, '97	164
" Confirmed—Half year ending March 30, '97	39
" of Communicants	2,002
Whole Number of Christians	5,036

Number of Children in the Schools.....2,719
Gain in Number of Christians in two years..... 552
Gain in Number of Children in the Schools in two years..... 826

With never-ceasing prayer to God for a blessing upon our Foreign Mission Work, this report is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

WM. ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER,
Corresponding Secretary.

The report was accepted and the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the earnest thanks of this Council are hereby extended to the several Editors of our missionary papers, and to the Treasurer of the Board for efficient and untiring service.

Resolved, That the General Council heartily recommends the Foreign Mission Work to the attention of the several Synods, and requests the Presidents of these Synods to urge upon their Synods the necessity of doing more for Foreign Missions.

On motion of Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth:

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions consist of eight Pastors and eight Laymen.

Several motions on the broad subject of Mission Finances were referred to a Special Committee to report at 11 a. m. on Saturday.

On motion,

Resolved, That the matter of the education of the children of missionaries be referred to the same Committee.

Committee—Rev. Drs. Laird, Blomgren, Schaeffer, Schmauk, Lindahl, Revs. F. W. Weiskotten, W. A. Passavant, Jr., J. C. Kunzmann, and W. H. Staake, Esq.

The Report was then adopted as a whole.

Rev. Dr. M. H. Richards read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee on Sunday-school work respectfully presents the following report:

Two meetings were held by the Committee; one at Easton, Pa., immediately after the adjournment of the General Council, October, '95, and the other at Allentown, Pa., June, '96. Because of the great distances separating the members of the Committee, most of its work was done by correspondence. A final meeting was also held October 13, at Erie, Pa. The Committee, as organized at the last meeting of the General Council, in addition to the more general responsibility of a Committee on Sunday-school work, was instructed to prepare a series of new pub-

lications for our schools, as the beginning of the principle of gradation in Sunday-school work adopted by this body. The Committee found itself charged with many details, some of which were beset with difficulties, and all of which required exacting work and much correspondence. It has been obliged to adapt its action to unforseen exigencies, in which cases it has consulted and agreed with the Board of Publication as to the course deemed best for the interests of the Council. The results of the Committee's work have been encouraging. The authority of this body in matters of teaching has been recognized by a much larger number of its schools than ever before. From the outset the subscriptions to the Lesson Quarterlies exceeded our most sanguine hopes, and have been continuing steadily through the year to such an extent as rendered it difficult to supply the demand. The Committee, at an early stage, saw the necessity of forcing its work a year ahead of the demand; and, by heroic effort on the part of the many writers engaged in it, has succeeded in doing two years' work in one. With the experience and time thus gained, and with the possession of some slight financial resources, great and continued improvement of the apparatus may be expected in the future.

For brevity's sake the principles on which the Committee has based its work, and the methods adopted, are not given in this report. They will be found in various articles in the Lutheran Church Review, and in the Editorial part of the Lesson Quarterlies.

At the Allentown meeting the Committee organized with Prof. M. H. Richards, D. D., as Chairman; and Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D. D., as Editor for the Committee.

The resolutions, with whose execution the Committee was charged, are found on page 73 of the General Council Minutes of 1895, and have been carried out in the following manner:

Biblical History.

Resolutions 1 and 2. At the Committee meeting in June, 1896, preliminary steps were taken to publish the "Biblical History Quarterlies for Scholars" and "Lesson Helps for Teachers;" and a sub-committee was appointed to take the matter in hand. But the probability of involving the Publication Board in too great an outlay without certainty of speedy returns, together with the need of more extended time to examine into, decide upon, and procure materials, and especially illustrations from original plates, and several other causes, has de-

layed the publication of these books until quite recently. They will be ready for use from Advent, 1897, and sample pages of both Teacher's and Scholar's book have been sent to all our English pastors. The publications are offered both as bound text-books and in the usual form of Quarterlies. Special attention is called to the illustrations used, and to the pedagogical methods employed in "Bible Story."

Calendar of Lessons.

Resolution 3. After consultation with the Publication Board, it was decided not to publish a "Calendar of Lessons from Scripture" until some demand for the same in separate form justified the outlay. No such demand arose, and the Calendar was given in connection with the Lesson Quarterly only.

Scripture Lesson Quarterlies.

Resolutions 4-5. The "Scripture Lesson Quarterlies" for Scholars and for Teachers, were ready for use, according to instructions, on the First Sunday in Advent, 1896. These have been the chief works published by your Committee. The editing of these was assigned by the Committee to Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D. D., and the selection of lesson texts, preparation of questions, etc., to the Chairman of the Committee. Other parts of the work were assigned to other brethren, and additional aid was secured from time to time, for all of which your Committee desires herewith to express its gratitude. As the method and contents of these Quarterlies must be well known to the members of this body, it is unnecessary to set them forth here. It is quite manifest from the support they have received that they have commended themselves to the Church at large. The course for '98 has been prepared, and will be ready for use in ample time before Advent of this year. The Teacher's Quarterly can be had in the form of a bound commentary, the single volume covering the lessons for the whole year, as well as in the usual quarterly form. The texts and subjects for 1899 have already been agreed upon, that there may be early publication of the books for that year.

Luther's Catechism.

Resolution 6. The "Cheap paper edition of Luther's Catechism" was provided for by arranging with the Publication Board for the printing of the same from the plates of the "Sunday-school Book Without Music."

Continuous Scripture Readings.

Resolution 7. A "Calendar of Continuous Scripture Readings for the use of Classes" was prepared, but the lack of inquiry for it caused your committee to deem it not advisale to request the publication of the same.

German and Swedish Series.

Resolution 8. Conference with the German and the Swedish brethren, "in order to learn to what extent it is feasible for them to adopt the Sunday-school system agreed upon," has been had, and a recommendation upon the matter will follow.

Primary School Apparatus.

Resolution 9. The Committee reports the publication, in wall-chart form of the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. It has not been able as yet to secure the publication of pictures "illustrating Old and New Testament History," but will ask for authority to continue the effort, since there is a decided demand for a supply of this nature.

Recommendations.

In order to continue Sunday-school work successfully, your Committee offers the following resolutions to guide its action in the future:

I. Resolved, That the Committee on Sunday-school Work be hereby instructed to continue the preparation, and the Publication Board, the publication, of the following Sunday-school apparatus:

1. The primary apparatus, including the Wall-charts, the "Sunbeams," and the Lessons for the Teachers and The Little Ones in the Teachers' Scripture Quarterlies.
2. The Intermediate apparatus, including "Bible Story."
3. The present Scripture Lesson Quarterlies, for Teachers and for Scholars of the higher departments.
4. The cheap edition of Luther's Catechism.

II. Resolved, That the Committee be authorized to prepare, or purchase, after consultation with the Board, and the Publication Board be instructed to publish the following additional apparatus:

1. A series of large chart pictures illustrating Old and New Testament History, for the Primary Department.
2. A continuation of the graded series of text-books, at the rate of one volume each year.
3. Such other Sunday-school literature (e. g. A Teachers' Normal Course Manual, a paper for parents, papers for intermediate, advanced, or senior department) as in the judgment of the Committee will prove useful to the work, and in the judgment of the Publication Board will prove financially justifiable.
4. Resolved, That the Committee have authority to make such changes in all new editions of its apparatus as it may deem advisable.

III. 1. Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars a year be appropriated out of the moneys received from the Sunday-school Quarterlies to the Committee for its expenses in purchasing books needed in its work, in payment of the more burdened regular writers and investigators on every lesson, for clerk hire and proof reading, and the like; the Publication Board to pay said sum on demand to the Committee for the expenses incurred for the series of 1896-97, and a similar sum April 1, 1898 for the series of 1897-98, and for subsequent series on April 1 of successive years.

2. That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated in a similar way for similar expenses of Bible Story, and be paid as above indicated.
3. That the sum of ten dollars be similarly appropriated and paid for similar expenses of "Sunbeams."

IV. Resolved, That the General Council appoint a German and a Swedish Sunday-school Committee, if so desired, to which the Committee on Sunday-school work shall give advance sheets of all its English works for translation and editing in their respective languages,

and publication in the same, as designated by the Synodical Bodies concerned. [See the substitute on page 61.]

V. Resolved, That the Committee be authorized to confer with similar Committees of other Lutheran Bodies which may be desirous of substituting a series of Lutheran Lessons for other systems, if deemed advisable, and that the results of such conferences, if any, be reported at the next meeting of the General Council for action by this body.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Committee,

M. H. RICHARDS, Chairman.

The first recommendation was adopted. Pending the consideration of the second, the Council adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, of Pittsburgh.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 16, 9:00 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. Jacob H. Smith, of Lewisburg, O., President of the District Synod of Ohio; Hymn 255, Col iii: 9-17, prayer.

The Friday afternoon Minutes were read and approved.

MISSION WORK IN THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

The Chair laid before the Convention a petition concerning English Mission work in the Danish West Indies, and by authority of the Council appointed as Committee on the same: Revs. Dr. G. H. Trabert, G. W. Mechling, L. A. Johnston, H. L. McMurray, Dr. L. Holmes, and Messrs. H. L. Hungerford, and C. J. Schultz.

DOCTRINAL DISCUSSION.

The "Fundamental Principles of Faith," especially the third, were discussed for an hour.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

At 10 o'clock the consideration of the report on Sunday-school work was resumed, and the Recommendations II. to V., with a few emendations, incorporated in the Report, were, with the Report as a whole, adopted.

(For Recommendation IV. see Monday morning.)

On motion of Rev. G. C. Berkemeier,

Resolved, That the Sunday-school Committee be instructed to confer with the delegates of the New York Ministerium and the German delegates of the Pittsburgh Synod on the publication of German Sunday-school literature, and report on Monday morning.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Repass,

Resolved 1. That the General Council looks on the progress which has been made in sound and efficient teaching in its Sunday-schools in the last two years, as one of the most hopeful signs of the future.

2. That we hereby record our sincere appreciation of the diligence and faithfulness of the Committee on Sunday-school Work, particularly the Editor and Chairman thereof, in the results of their labors since the last Convention of the General Council, and that we heartily endorse the Sunday-school apparatus now before the Church by its authority, including the Graded System of Instruction, and recommend the entire system and the text books based thereon to all Congregations and Schools.

Dr. S. Laird read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

The Committee which was charged with the duty of considering the various items connected with the Foreign Mission Work, presents the following recommendations:

I. Instead of the resolution to apportion the amount required among the different Synods, we propose this action:

Resolved 1. That in view of the demands of the Foreign Mission Work in India, the General Council determine to raise $50,000 a year for the next two years.

2. That the District Synods be solemnly urged by the General Council to impress upon their pastors the absolute necessity of such a voluntary offering for this cause, as will in the aggregate make up this amount, and that the Presidents of the Synods be instructed to lay this matter before their respective Synods.

3. That in the estimation of the General Council, the Foreign Mission Board should require that the entire time of one or more persons be devoted to further the interests of this cause among the congregations.

II. In reference to provision for the children of missionaries:

Resolved 1. That the Foreign Mission Board be instructed to ascertain if arrangements can be made with any institution of the Lutheran Church which cares for children, to take charge of and educate children of our foreign missionaries who have to be sent to this country.

2. In case such arrangements can be made, the Board be authorized to consummate them.

III. In reference to the cheapening of the price of the "Foreign Missionary," and the union with it of the paper published by the Women's Missionary Societies:

Resolved, 1. That we deem it unadvisable to reduce the price of the "Foreign Missionary," regarding the charge of $10 per year for

100 copies now asked for it, as reasonable and as cheap as it can be furnished for.

2. That the union of the paper published by the Women's Mission Societies with the "Foreign Missionary" is impractible at the present time,inasmuch as the former is devoted to the interests of Home as well as Foreign Missions.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL LAIRD, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. C. Kunzmann,

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.

Resolved, That the publication of a Home Mission Journal be referred to the English Home Mission Board, and that the combination of the Home and Foreign Mission Departments in one publication be referred to the English Home and Foreign Mission Boards jointly.

RECEPTION.

The pastor loci, Rev. G. A. Benze, on behalf of the ladies of St. John's, tendered the Council a reception, to take place on Monday evening, from 5 to 7:30, which courtesy was thankfully accepted by the Council.

The morning Special Orders were made the first Orders of the afternoon.

Prayer by Rev. E. Hoffmann, of Hanover, Canada. Adjourned.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 16, 2:00 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, of Myerstown, Pa.; Psalm xv., Hymn 377, prayer.

The morning Minutes were read and approved.

Superintendent J. E. Whitteker read the

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

At the last meeting of the General Council the following brethren were elected as the Board of English Home Missions:

Clerical.	Lay.
Joseph A. Seiss.	S. P. Sadtler.
Samuel Laird.	E. Aug. Miller.
F. J. F. Schantz.	Jas. H. Wolfe.
S. A. Repass.	Henry Lehman.
O. P. Smith.	Alfred G. Saeger.
Jacob Fry.	Henry Beates.
W. A. Passavant, Jr.	John W. Wartman.
	J. Martin Rommel.

The first meeting of the Board, as thus constituted, was held in St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, November 5th, 1895, at which its organization was effected by the election of the following officers:

President, Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., LL. D., L. H.D.
Secretary, Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D.
Assistant Secretary, Supt. Rev. J. E. Whitteker.
Treasurer, E. Aug. Miller, Attorney-at-Law.

Meetings.

The Board has held its regular quarterly meetings in September, December, March and June, of each year. As a rule, the majority of the members have been present at these meetings and have invariably shown an active interest in every detail of the work. At each meeting the Treasurer makes a quarterly statement, and the Superintendent presents a report of the condition, growth and needs of each Mission, together with the presentation of such other official correspondence as may claim the attention and action of the Board.

Finances.

The financial condition, though distressing, is far from being discouraging, and were it not that the burden of deficits rests largely on the Missionaries themselves, the embarrassment of debt, though at all times a drawback, would prove the least serious obstacle to the progress of our work.

The income for the biennium just closed was.....	$26,351.26
For the preceding one it was.....	22,965.13
The gain, therefore, for the two years was.....	$3,386.13

In consideration of the fact that the last biennium has covered the hardest times that our land has experienced in a long series of years, it is a cause for great rejoicing that our churches are rising to a higher appreciation of our work and are sustaining it with proportionately increased liberality.

Another view of the financial situation is not without its encouraging features. The deficit for the preceding biennium, as shown by our books, was.....$6,016.52
For the one just closed it was 3,767.46

The difference of $2,249.06
shows how much nearer we are to the point where the income will equal the outlay, especially when we record the fact that the deficit for the year just ended is but $995.14. All this is due chiefly to three causes: (1.) Our contributions have been materially increased; (2.) The Missions themselves are bearing a larger burden of expense; (3.) Instead of enlarging our Mission horizon, we have actually narrowed it. The first two facts are a source of rejoicing; the last is lamentable in the extreme.

The following statement of the Treasurer shows the amount and sources of income, together with the bill of expenditures:

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from previous statement	$ 79 88
From Churches	9,223 79
From Sunday-schools	5,758 84
From Women's Missionary Societies	3,004 79
From Individuals	3,513 87
From Leagues and Mission Societies	679 91
From Chicago Synod	570 88
From the Publication Board	2,685 10
From President of Ministerium of Pennsylvania	200 00
From Church Extension Society	700 00
From Interest on Deposit	14 08
From Loan	1,000 00
	$27,431 14

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Superintendent and Missionaries	$24,796 35
Expenses of Superintendent	990 29
Printing	311 01
Moving Expenses of Missionaries	97 35
Repayment of Loans with Interest	1,175 50
Incidentals	49 57
	$27,420 07
Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1897	11 07
	$27,431 14

We, the undersigned, having been appointed auditors of the accounts of E. Augustus Miller, Treasurer of the Board of English Home Missions, respectfuly report that we have examined the said accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, for the years ending August 31st, 1897, and find the same correct.

J. Martin Rommel,
Jas. H. Wolfe,
Committee.

Phila., Oct. 4, 1897.

The Missions.

During the past biennium, the Board has had charge of twenty-two Missions. Of these, St. Stephen's, Toledo, O.; St. Paul's, Frankfort, Ind.; and the Church of Redeemer, Binghamton, N. Y., have become self-sustaining; while Zion's, of Portland, Ind., has been discontinued. As already stated several of the Missions have assumed a larger share of the pastoral support, and if only more funds were at the disposal of the Church with which to decrease Mission debts, or even lower their rates of interest, they would have a healthier and more rapid growth and would, therefore, the sooner reach a self-sustaining basis. The following table furnishes an exhibit of the Mission field as now constituted:

	PLACE.	Name.	Pastor.	Communicants.	Loss	Gain.	Sunday-School.	Gain.	Benevolent Contributions.	Property.	Value.
1.	Boston, Mas	St. Mark's	Edwin F. Keever	118	2	36	41	16	$ 68.01	Lot and Chapel	$ 6,500
2.	Newark, N. J	Grace	M. S. Waters	98	26	48	114	18	97.50	Lot and Church	12,750
3.	Syracuse, N. Y	Redeemer	U. J. Klingensmith	190	16	91	249	41	29.50	Lot and temporary Chapel	5,000
4.	Toledo, Ohio	St. Matthew's	H. Peters	90	3	37	127	17	75.00	Lot and Chapel	6,800
5.	Anderson, Ind	St. John's	Wm. J. Finck	55	12	17	96	8	67.42	Chapel and Parsonage	5,500
6.	Decatur, Ill	First English	Frank C. Oberly	118	8	36	146	.....	205.63	Church	25,000
7.	Chicago, Ill	St. John's	Wm. A. Sadtler	56	10	21	92	50	78.00	Lot and Chapel	9,000
8.	Milwaukee, Wis	Redeemer	Wm. K. Frick	207	19	56	216	52	229.07	Chapel and Parsonage	18,400
9.	Red Wing, Minn	St. Paul's	J. A. Leas	186	5	66	177	5	218.60	Lot and Chapel	3,600
10.	St. Paul, Minn	Trinity	W. H. Zuber	56	11	14	157	14	57.27	Church	5,000
11.	Minneapolis, Minn	Salem	Vacant	105	6	19	119	.....	82.30	Church	7,000
12.	Duluth, Minn	St. John's	S. W. Kuhns	115	18	38	122	.....	62.14	Church and Parsonage	13,000
13.	Fargo, N. Dak	St. Mark's	H. K. Gebhart	102	10	29	154	32	98.01	Church and Parsonage	3,700
14.	Salt Lake City, Utah	Holy Trinity	A. C. Sweinsberg	21	5	10	29	6	34.00	Church and Parsonage	13,000
15.	Spanish Forks, Utah	Holy Trinity	R. Runolfson	42	13	4	34	.....	.....	Church and Parsonage	1,350
16.	Seattle, Wash	Holy Trinity	James F. Beates	38	12	16	63	28	86.49	Lot and Chapel	5,600
17.	Tacoma, Wash	St. John's	A. C. Anda	31	14	12	28	.....	82.03	Lot and Chapel	4,500
18.	Portland, Ore	St. James'	M. L. Zweizig	86	19	26	76	6	28.60	Chapel and Parsonage	24,500
			Totals	1,714	209	576	2,040	293	$1,599.57		$170,200

The foregoing table contains the following interesting facts: (1.) The Church, through its Mission Board, is ministering to 1,714 communicant members, and to 2,040 children in Sunday-school. (2.) In the eighteen Missions there has been a gross gain of 576, while the net gain is 367. (3.) These Missions have contributed toward the general work of the Church $1,-599.57—more than the Board appropriated last year to the four Missions that are nearest the self-sustaining point. (4.) They all have a church property, with chapel or church, and in some cases, parsonage, the combined value of which is $170,200.

Special Progress.

In addition to the regular work of each Mission—their growth in numbers together with their increasing financial strength—may be mentioned a few special items of interest: (1.) One has built a new House of Worship; a second is about to enlarge their Chapel, all the money needed for the improvement having first been collected right in the congregation and community; a third is gathering funds to build a Church, having outgrown their temporary Chapel; a fourth has prepared plans for a new parsonage. (2.) Through the special beneficence of one of our active Western laymen, four of our Missions that were staggering under the weight of heavy debt, have united in a funding scheme by which the interest is reduced from 6 per cent. to 4 per cent., and a substantial sinking-fund is created, which gives the prospect of placing them, within five years, in easy financial condition. (3.) The majority of the Missions have branch Sunday-schools or preaching-stations, some of which are destined in the near future, to develop into congregations requiring the full service of a pastor. This work should be encouraged and fostered; for every Mission added to a neighborhood, gives strength and stability to the original enterprise.

Mission Points.

As the Board conceives it, there are two kinds of communities in which we should take up Mission work: The old centers of the East and the new centers of the West. The former will give us quicker returns at a less outlay, but they do not figure as any great factor in the spread and growth of our Church as a whole. The latter, while slower in development and more ex-

pensive in their maintenance, will become centers of influence and power for the further conduct of our work. The former, therefore, are auxiliary, but the latter are essential, to our growth. To the full extent of its ability and opportunity, the Board has endeavored to start and sustain both classes of Missions.

Need of Co=operation.

That the work of the Board may advance in proportion to the demands that are upon it and the opportunities that are open to it, it is not merely desirable but absolutely essential that it secure the fullest co-operation of the Synods and the pastors constituting them. To this end, the amounts apportioned to each Synod should in turn be apportioned to the congregations—the pastors, on their part, urging upon their people the duty and necessity of meeting their apportionments in full, if the work is to be broadened and the Board relieved of continual embarrassment.

Unification.

The Board would once more emphasize its conviction as to the necessity of the unification of our Mission work, if our Church is to establish herself throughout the length and breadth of the land. Our people are everywhere; why not our Church? Simply because Synodical work is sectional, and sectional interests will be maintained though national interests suffer. This accounts for the fact that fully seven-eighths of our English Synodical Missions are in the State of Pennsylvania. If our Church is to have a national character, she must have a national spirit and adopt national methods. A State can never do the work of the Nation.

The Distressing Problem.

The borrowing limits of the Board have practically been reached; heavy deficits still remain in the shape of long overdue salaries. In all honor, these must be met without default or even delay. Who shall do it? Or, how shall it be done? is the vexing question. One hundred and fifty offerings of one hundred dollars each, would wipe out the entire debt. We have the men of means to do it twice over, and they would not suffer an hour's discomfort by the act! Why, then, is it not done? Let those

whom God has blessed with earthly goods give answer. When once our people begin to realize that the work of the whole Church is their work, and the debt of the whole Church is their debt—in short, that the duty of the whole Church is their individual duty; then the rich will supply the poor; the strong will support the weak; none shall lack for, in the noblest sense, they shall have all things in common; debts and deficits which harrass our Missionaries and hamper our Boards, will melt away; and the Church will rise up mightily in answer to her daily petition, "Thy Kingdom Come!" and show in very deed and truth that as she prays so she labors.

The Future.

The future of our work depends largely, in the providence of God, on two things: the active interest of our pastors, and the intelligent co-operation of our people. If the members of our Church are thoroughly instructed as to the nature of our work and their relation to it; if they once clearly realize that as God has given us the fullest development of truth, He holds us responsible for the greatest spread of that truth; there ought to be such a quickening as to stir the hearts of every man, woman and child, from the least even unto the greatest, and lead them to give as no other people give and to work as no other people work, that the doctrines which we believe are so essential to the true spread of Christianity may be preached everywhere to the firm establishment and upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom among men. But if the narrow policy of the past becomes the accepted standard of the future, then, when another biennium has run its course, we no doubt shall be compelled to report a larger sum of deficits and a smaller set of Missions.

The Watchword.

In one of our beautiful Sunday-school hymns, we teach our children to sing:

"Forward be our Watchword!"

Let that be the watchword of the whole Church, in all she plans and undertakes. Everything inspires to it. The heroism of the past should awaken the noblest impulses; the ever-present opportunity calls for sublimest action; the outlook for the future

should stir up the healthiest and heartiest enthusiasm. With the inspiring annals of four centuries pushing us on, and the grand possibilities before us drawing us on, and unshaken confidence in the purity of our principles and the righteousness of our cause urging us on, shall we not move forward in the line in which history and opportunity and conviction impel us, so that others shall no longer reap where we have sown, nor gather where we have strewn; but that, the rather we may rise up to that fullness of effort which the Church expects of us, and which our Lord demands as our reasonable service? God speed our Church in her work of evangelization; so that men everywhere may learn to worship Him both in spirit and in very truth!

Resolutions.

The Board most respectfully submits the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of the services rendered by Mission and other Societies in gathering funds for this work and appeal for their hearty co-operation during the biennium upon which we have just entered.

2. Resolved, That all congregations with their Sunday-schools, Mission Societies or other organizations, that have not co-operated with the Board in this work, be, and are hereby requested to lend their helpful aid in its prosecution.

3. Resolved, That in view of the distressing state of the Board's finances; which cripples the work already begun as well as stands in the way of taking up new work, we earnestly urge upon our people everywhere the necessity of liberal and more frequent offerings, so that every dollar of debt may be wiped out and we spend our income directly upon the work in hand and not absorb one cent of it in the payment of interest.

4. Resolved, That the various Synods be asked to assume the following apportionments for each of the next two years:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$10,000
Pittsburgh Synod	4,500
Ministerium of New York	2,000
District Synod of Ohio	2,000
Chicago Synod	1,000
Synod of the Northwest	500
Total	$20,000

And further, That each Synod be requested to apportion the amount assigned it, to its several congregations and urge its complete and speedy payment.

5. Resolved, That we hereby petition all our congregations to set aside the Sunday nearest Reformation Day, in particular, for gathering an offering for this work, through Sunday-school and congregation, and that all such offerings be promptly placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

6. Resolved, That, in reference to placing the English Missions of our Church under one General Board, the several Synods constituting the General Council be earnestly urged to put into operation as speedily as possible, that which they have so unanimously acknowleged as correct in principle.

7. Resolved, That 5,000 copies of this report be separately printed by the English Secretary of the General Council and furnished to the Board for more general distribution among our congregations.

Missions Within the General Council.

The subjoined statement, though not constituting a part of the report of the Home Mission Board, has been added for the sake of furnishing an exhibit of our entire Home Mission Work:

General Council English Home Missions	22
General Council German Home Missions	9
Missions of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania	60
Missions of the Ministerium of New York	10
Missions of the Pittsburgh Synod	37
Missions of the District Synod of Ohio	8
Missions of the Augustana Synod	200
Missions of the Canada Synod	8
Total	354

This statement scarcely does justice to the German Home Mission Board, whose nine Missionaries serve 55 churches and preaching-stations. Several of the other Boards also have many more stations than Missionaries, but none in so large proportion and stretching over so much territory, as does the work of the German Board.

Jos. A. Seiss, President.
Samuel Laird, Secretary.
E. Aug. Miller, Treasurer.
J. E. Whitteker, Superintendent.

The accompanying resolutions were adopted singly, and then the report as a whole.

Dr. Peschau proposed the following, which was referred to the Board, with power to act:

Resolved, That the English Home Mission Board be instructed to secure a suitable minister to visit, under the supervision of our Missionary Superintendent, our Congregations, as far as possible, in order to interest them still more in our Home Mission Work, and to raise funds for the same

In a few earnest words Rev. Mr. Hougen, of the United Norwegian Church, took farewell of the Council.

Prayer by Prof. G. H. Gerberding, of the Chicago Theological Seminary. Adjourned.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, October 18, 9:00 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. William K. Frick, of Milwaukee, Wis., President of the English Synod of the Northwest; Hymn 231, Isaiah xl, 1-11, prayer.

The roll was called. The Saturday afternoon Minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Nicum presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GERMAN HOME MISSIONS.

The Board of German Home Missions begs leave, hereby, to submit the report of its work since the last meeting of the General Council, and of the labors of the pastors and the condition of the churches under its care:

A. THE BOARD.

During the two years last past the Board has met seven times. November 7th, 1895, it organized by electing the following officers: President, Rev. J. Nicum; Recording Secretary, Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, and Treasurer, Rev. J. J. Kuendig. The President was also instructed to conduct the correspondence between the Board and its Missionaries, and edit "Siloah." In place of the Rev. J. Brezing, who departed this life on November 29, 1895, and who had served faithfully as a member of your Board since 1888, the Rev. Th. H. Becker, of Buffalo, N. Y., was elected.

B. THE FIELD.

The scarcity of funds has prevented us from occupying new fields. We have supported nine Missionaries. These served 55 churches and preaching stations, numbering 5,800 baptized persons, three-fifths of whom are confirmed. The following is a brief summary of the work:

(a) The South.

Ottenheim, Kentucky. Pastor P. Schencke has labored here until the end of August, when he returned to Germany. A

parsonage has been built. We have called Rev. O. Kuhr as his successor.

(b) Utah.

Salt Lake City, Utah. The work here has suffered in consequence of the stoppage of silver mining operations and the general depression and consequent removal of people. Our Missionary, Rev. O. Kuhr, has also preached at Ogden and other places in Utah, and extended his field of labor as far as Wyoming. The Board owns a lot in Salt Lake City upon which a small frame structure has been erected which has been serving as meeting-room and dwelling. Last spring our Missionary received a call from the "Gesellschaft fuer innere Mission im Sinne der Evangelisch - Lutherischen Kirche" in Bavaria to go as their Missionary to Brazil. Whether he will accept this call, which seems quite probable, or go to Ottenheim, we at present do not know. Mr. K. is now in Europe. The Board is resolved to vigorously prosecute the work in Utah, and especially in Salt Lake City, notwithstanding the little financial encouragement it is receiving. We have called the Rev. H. Hoffmann, of Milwaukee, Wis., to this work and, in spite of many obstacles and discouragements, he is meeting with a fair measure of success.

A few days ago we received a letter from Rev. K., in which he says that upon his return home, a call to Brazil was formally tendered him by the "Vereinigte Gotteskasten", and that he had accepted the same, but that he desired to continue his connection with our Board.

(c) Western Canada.

Our principal field of operation is, however, the Western part of Canada, East of the Rocky Mountains. Here six missionaries are at present engaged upon a territory that stretches from the Red River Valley in North Dakota to Edmonton in Alberta, a distance of 1,200 miles. The different stations are:

1. *Gretna, Manitoba*, comprising two churches, Osnabruck and Langdon, in North Dakota; Gretna, Altona, Rosenfeld, Rosenhof, Morris, Plum Coulee, Winkler, Morden, Friedensfeld and Schantzenfeld, besides several other churches and preaching-stations in South Manitoba and Northeast Assiniboia. Churches have been built in Osnabruck and Gretna. Rev. W.

Willing, about a year ago, with the consent of the Board, took charge of the Edenwald District, and Rev. E. Berthold was called from Langenburg, Assa., as his successor.

2. *Winnipeg, Manitoba.* Rev. M. Ruccius reports two churches, viz.: Trinity, Winnipeg, and Tupper, Manitoba, besides two preaching stations, Brockenhead and Whitemouth, Manitoba. The number of baptized persons in the church at Winnipeg is 600, of whom 324 are confirmed. 56 pupils are taught in the parochial and 105 in the Sunday-school. A parsonage has lately been built. The entire debt on the church, with schoolroom added in the rear, and new parsonage, is $1,450, a large reduction from what it had been formerly.

3. *The Langenburg District,* in Northeast Assiniboia, had formerly a resident pastor, Rev. E. Berthold. He is now stationed at Gretna, but pays occasional visits to the settlements there.

4. *Wolseley, Assiniboia.* The town of Wolseley is 295 miles west of Winnipeg. Nine churches and preaching-stations belong to this district, to-wit: Southeast Neudorf, Central, Western, Northwestern and North Neudorf, Josephsberg, Wolseley, Plains, and Indian Head. In September, 1896, the Rev. Ewald Herrmann, formerly traveling Missionary in Westphalia, took charge of this district. The number of baptized persons under the care of our missionary is 1,500. Several years ago a church was built in Josephsberg. August 15th, one was dedicated at Wolseley, and at present the erection of a large edifice in the extensive Neudorf settlement is agitated. Five acres of land have been purchased and paid for, and more than $500 have been subscribed.

5. *The Edenwald District,* seventy miles further west, is now served by the Rev. W. Willing. Rev. H. C. Schmieder has removed to California, and Mr. W., formerly stationed in Southern Manitoba, has succeeded him. The principal congregation is at Edenwald, ten miles north of the station Balgonie. The entire district numbers over 700 souls, nearly one-half of whom belong to the Edenwald congregation. They have here a spacious church, which is free of debt. The other churches and preaching stations are Langlaketon, Strassburg, Kronau, Davin and Regina, all in Central Assiniboia; Josephsburg and

Dunmore in Western Assiniboia, and Rosthern in Saskatchewan, north of Assiniboia.

6. *Wetaskiwin, Alberta.* Taking the Edmonton branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and going one hundred and fifty miles north of Calgary, just this side of the Rocky Mountains, we reach Wetaskiwin. Here Rev. F. Bredlow has charge of six churches and preaching-stations. They are Wetaskiwin, Leduc, Red Deer Lake, Bare Hills, Lacombe and Duhamel. The Missionary serves 450 baptized persons; the number of the confirmed members is about half as large. The labors of Rev. Bredlow are seriously interfered with by two Moravian missionaries, who also claim that they are Lutherans.

7. *Edmonton, Alberta.* Scattered about Edmonton are the churches and preaching-stations of Rev. F. Pempeit, to-wit: Stony Plain, to the Northwest, and Lutherhorst, to the south of Edmonton. Besides these there are Heimthal, and one or two other stations. The Missionary complains that a neighboring Missouri pastor does not interfere with the riotous excesses of his people; that many of Rev. P's people are drawn into these excesses, and that, in consequence, his church at Stony Plain is badly demoralized. In Lutherhorst and Heimthal the prospects are very encouraging. The people are temperate, grateful for the means of grace, and willing to make sacrifices.

C. VARIOUS MATTERS.

1. *Obligations of former students of Rev. Paulsen's Institution in Kropp.* Up to the meeting of the General Council at Minneapolis in 1888, the German Home Mission Committee, with the consent of the Council, had been aiding students in their preparation at Kropp, in Schleswig, for the ministry in the Lutheran Church in North America. These young men signed a document in which they promised to refund the aid thus extended by the German Home Mission Committee after securing a position in America and receiving a certain amount of salary. Toward redeeming this pledge your committee has never received a dollar. The entire sum paid to Rev. Paulsen, as shown by orders issued upon the Treasurer of the German Home Mission Committee, amounts to $19,573. In January last, the Rev. E. A. Behrens, of New York, inquired of the Chairman of

your Committee: "If the German Home Mission Committee will, or can ever demand any money of the pastors from Kropp, who have obligated themselves to Pastor Paulsen to refund to the Treasurer of this Committee what had been advanced to them." Rev. Behrens adds: "You would greatly oblige me by giving me your view of the matter, so that I may act accordingly and report to the Vertrauens-Komitee of Pastor Paulsen in Moelle." Rev. Behrens received the following answer, which was endorsed by the Board at its meeting in February last, viz.: "1. Our Board is certainly the German Home Mission Committee, to whose Treasurer the brethren from Kropp have obligated themselves to refund the money advanced to them. 2. Only our Committee or the General Council can release them from their obligation. 3. Concerning all moneys paid to our Treasurer in pursuance of this contract report must be made by us to the General Council. 4. The disposition of these moneys rests with the General Council." We received no answer.

2. *The Organization of a new Synod.* For some time it has been the desire of your Board, as well as of the Canada Synod, to which our Missionaries in the Western part of Canada belong, that they, together with their churches, form a Synodical Organization of their own. We are of opinion that the very important matter of supervision could and would be thus better attended to. After much hesitation the action was finally taken at the meeting of the brethren in Winnipeg from the 22d to the 24th of last July. The Constitution of the New York Ministerium was made the basis of the Constitution of the new organization. The Constitution of the General Council was adopted and a resolution passed requesting admission. The Canada Synod has officially dismissed both its pastors and churches to the new Synod. The number of pastors thus dismissed by the Synod of Canada is six and that of the churches, including preaching-stations, 52, having 5,250 baptized and 3,000 confirmed persons.

3. *Documents Intrusted to the Archivarius.* In accordance with the resolution of the General Council your Board has transmitted to the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, the archivarius of this Council, the articles of incorporation of the Board and the deed to the church lot in Salt Lake City.

The Treasurer and the Editor of "Siloah" will present separate reports.

Respectfully submitted, for the Board,

J. NICUM, President.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to Rev. Dr. Hugo Grahn for his services in connection with "Siloah."

On motion of Rev. Dr. Roth,

Resolved, That the German Churches be requested to raise $10,000 for the next two years ($5,000 a year) for the German Home Mission Work.

2. That we, as a General Council, urge our German Congregations to give increased attention to this German Home Mission Work.

On motion,

Resolved, That the German Home Mission Board be authorized to make whatever arrangements are, in its discretion, necessary in order to secure the services of either a Secretary or of an agent for the more vigorous prosecution of the work.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Schantz,

Resolved, That the amount for German Home Missions be apportioned among the Synods, to be by them reapportioned among the German Congregations.

Resolved, That the traveling expenses of Rev. M. Ruccius, President of the Manitoba Synod, up to $50, be paid out of the General Council treasury.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

Dr. Nicum also presented the

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF "SILOAH."

The Editor of "Siloah" begs leave to report, that, during the last two years, the monthly has regularly appeared; that the price of printing and mailing the paper has, since January last, been greatly reduced; that the number of subscribers is 4,000; and that the receipts have been $984.87, and the expenses, $930.75, leaving a balance of $54.12.

J. NICUM, Editor.

The undersigned has carefully examined the account of the Editor of "Siloah" and find that the same is correct as to charge and discharge.

MARTIN WULFF.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF GERMAN HOME MISSIONS,

The entire receipts and expenditures since the last report from Oct. 7, 1895, to Oct. 14, 1897, are as follows:

Receipts	$6,580 21
Expenditures	6,659 52
Deficit	$79 31

J. J. KUENDIG, Treasurer.

To this is to be added, that Order 575, amounting to $150.00 to Rev. O. Kuhr, as well as all salaries to our missionaries since September, amounting to about $800.00, remain unpaid. The depression in business and lack of harmony may account for this deficiency.

The report was adopted with the proviso that the Board secure the immediate auditing of the same for publication in the Minutes.

(As the audit took place two weeks later, during which time payments were made into the treasury, they found a balance instead of a deficit.)

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, the undersigned Auditors, appointed by the Chairman of the German Home Mission Committee of the General Council, have examined the accounts of Rev. J. J. Kuendig, D. D., Treasurer, and find them correct, leaving a balance in his hands of $59.89.

M. C. HORINE,
EDWARD T. HORN,
LEVI H. LIESS.

Reading, Pa., Nov. 1, 1897.

Rev. Mr. Brandelle presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SWEDISH HOME MISSIONS.

(The Augustana Synod's Missions.)

Retrenchment has been the order of the day in the Home Mission work of the Synod.

The South.

The Southern Mission Field (Florida, Alabama and Mississippi) was given over to the New York Conference, and the work has been continued by theological students, but no pastor has been stationed there.

Utah.

The Utah Mission Field has experienced the same difficulty as the other Christian Missions. The granting of statehood to Utah has caused a great revival of Mormon power and a more determined resistance on their part against the influence of Christianity. The Synod has two stationed missionaries there, Rev. P. E. Åslev, at Salt Lake City, and Rev. A. A. Gunberg, at Provo. The Mission station at Ogden has been vacant over two years, but a hopeful, energetic, little band of workers still holds the fort and Rev. Mr. Åslev superintends the work.

The Synod was requested to take charge of the Icelandic Mission, conducted by Rev. R. Runolfson, but the Mission Board, to whom the Synod referred the matter, recommended that the General Council have charge of this work.

Rev. P. E. Åslev publishes a small monthly, "The Zion's Star" (Zions-stjärnan) which is used as a tract and also circulates in the Synod and in Sweden, keeping up the interest in the work.

Montana.

The Montana Mission Field is the one last begun, but the prospects there seem the brightest. The work received a serious check, however, when the Missionary first sent there, Rev. Augustus G. Olson, a year ago felt compelled to resign the charge and leave the ministry. But another man was found, and, at the meeting of the Synod this summer Rev. C. E. Frisk was ordained, and moved to Helena, Mont., from which place he superintends the work on that field. The men there are mostly miners, receive good pay, and have steady work.

Immigrant Work.

The Immigrant Mission is now conducted by another Board and the Home Mission Board has transferred that work to this Board. An Immigrant Home has been equipped and been in operation over a year with the best results.

Conference Missions.

As the Synod has entrusted most of its Home Mission work to the Conferences, and the respective Conference Boards do not report to the Synod, but to the Conferences, this does not give

any adequate idea of the Home Mission work of the Augustana Synod. The different Conferences assist or support entirely from 150 to 200 Mission stations and Mission congregations, and although this work, too, has been hampered by the severe crisis the country has passed through, yet, compared with the retrenchments other denominations have been compelled to make, we have no reason to complain either about the Christian liberality of our members, or the sacrifice and devotion on the part of the laborers on the different fields. One Conference at its semi-annual meeting has just made arrangements to lift its entire debt by December 31st. And we have been encouraged with an increase of legacies to the Home Mission Boards.

For the Board,

S. M. Hill.

Wahoo, Neb., Sept. 28, 1897.

The report was adopted.

UTAH MISSION FIELD.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Lindahl,

Resolved, That the three different Mission Boards be, and are hereby, requested to enter into arrangements looking to the joint care of the Mission field in Utah.

RECEPTION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OFFICIAL VISITOR.

Rev. H. Louis Baugher, D. D., presented his credentials as Fraternal Representative of the General Synod, and conveyed the salutations of his Body, which President Moldehnke responded to with much earnestness.

GERMAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Rev. Dr. Richards presented a modification of Item IV., of the report of the Committee on Sunday-school Work.

IV. Resolved, That the General Council elect a German Sunday-school Sub-Committee of seven members, to take charge of the work in the German language, according to the schedules and methods of the Sunday-school Work Committee.

This substitute was adopted, and the Council elected the following Sub-Committee:

Committee: Revs. Dr. J. J. Heischmann, A. Richter, Geo. C. F. Haas, G. C. Berkemeier, Jacob Loch, and H. Hoffmann, and Mr. Louis W. Kaufmann.

On motion of Rev. Wm. A. Passavant, Jr.,

Resolved, That the German Sub-Committee, together with the Publication Board of the General Council, be authorized to make such arrangements with Mr. E. Kaufmann, the New York publisher, as in their judgment may seem best for the issuing of German Lesson Leaves.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit the following report as your delegate to the Thirty-eighth Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America:

I attended this Convention of the General Synod, which was held in Mansfield, Ohio, June 9-17, 1897.

I presented the fraternal greetings of the General Council with assurances of earnest desire on our part to further all proper efforts: 1. To bring about a better understanding between the general bodies of the Lutheran Church in this country; 2. To promote the greater efficiency of our Home Mission operations by refraining from encroachment upon each other's fields; and, 3. To hasten the day when in doctrine, worship, and practice we may stand in hearty essential agreement.

I was received with special distinction, with many marks of kind and courteous cordiality, and with fervent expressions of sincere desire for closer fellowship.

Amid the overcoming enthusiasm of the occasion I was impressed with the conviction, that, if Christian unity were simply a matter of good will and the emotions, it would be delightfully easy to bring about its speedy accomplishment.

For the information of the Council and to facilitate such action as may be deemed expedient, I submit the principal items of action by the General Synod touching the several topics that have occupied the attention of the Joint Committee, and pertaining to the negotiations that have thus far grown out of the Joint Committee's work.

I. Extract from the recommendations of the Committee on Fraternal Co-operation. Proceedings of G. S., pp. 65-6.

1. The additional action of the Joint Committee regarding the basis of co-operation is adopted, viz.:

(a.) The rule: "That where any general Body has congregations, whatever be the language, the establishment of a congregation of another general body within the territory be not undertaken, unless the Board of Missions of the Body occupying the territory, and the Officers of the Synod on the field be first consulted."

(b.) "That a Committee of Arbitration, representing the Bodies that enter into the compact, be constituted, to whom shall be referred all cases where agreement has not been otherwise obtained."

(c.) "That the Committee of Arbitration shall consist of not more than three members from each of the general Bodies; and that in this Committee of Arbitration each General Body shall have one vote, and that its decision on any matter referred to it shall be published as soon as adopted."

(d.) "That the General Bodies appoint their representatives on the Committee of Arbitration at their next Conventions."

(e.) "That no established congregation shall be hindered by this agreement from changing the language of its worship or from establishing a mission in another language within its own parish." (See Min. of G. C., 1895, p. 17.)

2. Regarding the overture made by the General Council and the United Synod of the South, looking to the compilation of a common hymn book,

Resolved, That this Synod regards the proposition with favor, and will do what it can to further the object, consistent with the fact of the issuance of a new hymn book of its own at the present time.

3. Resolved, That the General Synod will look with favor upon any movement toward the preparation of Common Orders for Ministerial Acts by and for the Bodies in this compact.

4. Resolved, That we endorse the following action of the Joint Committee, viz.:

That we approve the recommendation of the General Council. that a General Conference be held, "whereby, in an unofficial way, there may be a reading of papers and a comparison of views by members, if possible, of all our General Bodies and larger Synods, on the various doctrinal, liturgical, educational, and missionary interests, in which all alike are engaged." And that we approve the appointment of a Committee, in which Dr. Jacobs is to represent the General Council, Dr. Lund the United Norwegian Synod, Dr. Horn the United Synod of the South, and Dr. Owen the General Synod, to which all the arrangements for such a Conference shall be entrusted.

5. Resolved, That we hereby express our profoundest gratitude to Almighty God for the encouraging measure of success He has accorded these efforts looking to the closer union of these various Bodies of our beloved Church, and that we earnestly desire these efforts to be continued, to the end that all who bear the name of Luther may, in the not distant future, dwell together in the closest fraternal fellowship and love.

II. Extract from the Report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Correspondence, p. 78.

Fraternal Delegate to the General Council:

Rev. H. Louis Baugher, D.D. Alternate: Rev. W. S. Freas, D.D.

III. Extract from the List of Standing Committees, p. 194.

General Synod's Representatives on Arbitration Committee:

Revs. D. M. Gilbert, D.D., G. M. Grau, D.D., Jacob A. Clutz, D.D.

I appreciate the distinguished honor of having been chosen as the first fraternal visitor to the General Synod.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. H. GEISSINGER.

Erie, Pa., Oct. 14, 1897.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNITED NORWEGIAN CHURCH.

On June the 6th, in the City of St. Paul, Minn., it was my pleasure to present the greetings of the General Council to the United Norwegian Lutheran Church. The General Synod was also represented in the person of Rev. Dr. Samuel Barnitz. The greetings were heartily responded to by Rev. Prof. E. G. Lund in the name and by request of that body. Out of three previously separate Synods the United Church was formed in 1890. Its doctrinal position is the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism. It enters practically into the reform movements of the day, such as temperance and prohibition. It has an enrollment of 350 ministers, 1,150 congregations, and 125,110 communicants, and each of the congregations (instead of parishes) is entitled to a lay representative. It has a Theological Seminary at Minneapolis, with a collegiate department; a college at Canton, S. D.; a normal school, for the training of parochial teachers, at Madison, Minn., and a flourishing Publication House at Minneapolis. It publishes two Norwegian and one English paper, with a combined circulation of 27,000. It supports 4 Missionaries in Madagascar and 48 Missions at home. During the last biennium it has expended for Missions, Education and Benevolent Work, $128,000. In addition to this two colleges, 7 academies, 4 orphan homes, 3 hospitals, 2 deaconess institutes, a Santhal Mission, supporting 2 Missionaries in India; a China Mission Committee, supporting 3 Missionaries in China, and Zion's Association for Israel, maintaining one Missionary in this country and two in Russia, among

the Jews, are carried on by the benevolence and help of individuals and associations connected with this body.

They are making provision for their Anglicized children, not only by supporting an English professor in their Theological Seminary and imparting English instruction in other institutions under their control, but by the organization of an English Conference and their hearty co-operation therewith.

Your visitor was specially solicitious as to the outcome of the resolution (page 55 in Minutes of last Convention) instructing the Board of Publication to furnish to the Publication House of the United Norwegian Church our publications, especially the English Church Book and Sunday-school Book, for the use of their congregations, at the largest discount possible. On inquiry I learned that our Board, together with the Trustees, had offered this Publishing House from 10 and 5 to 30 and 10 per centum reduction from the retail price of the publications referred to in our resolution.

The Committee of the United Church and its Publishing House thereupon resolved to publish a Sunday-school Book of their own, and so order it that it may be serviceable to their congregations in which English services are required.

Respectfully yours,

J. C. Kunzmann.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNITED SYNOD IN THE SOUTH.

As Visitor to the United Synod in the South, appointed at the last Convention, I respectfully report that there has not been any meeting of the United Synod since my appointment. The next Convention of that Body will be held on May 18, 1898.

Samuel Laird.

The report was adopted, and Dr. S. Laird was continued as the Visitor, with Rev. J. E. Whitteker as Alternate.

LETTER FROM THE OFFICIAL VISITOR OF THE UNITED SYNOD IN THE SOUTH.

ROANOKE, Va., October 15, 1897.

To the President of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church:

REVEREND SIR AND BRETHREN:

At the session of the United Synod in the South, held in Staunton, Va., Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, now of Reading, Pa., was appointed by that Body to convey its fraternal greetings to the venerable Body over which you preside. He having removed from our bounds, and I having been appointed his Alternate (See Minutes of United Synod, which I have the honor to transmit herewith, page 70), it becomes my pleasing duty to discharge that commission. I regret exceedingly that I cannot do so in person.

We have always very specially appreciated the presence of your delegates at our meetings, and trust that we may ever have that pleasure; and it is but right that we should return in the same way the fraternal consideration you have shown us. As, however, I am unable to get to Erie during your session there, I beg permission in this way to convey to your Body, through you, its President, the affectionate fraternal greetings of the United Synod of the South.

We are one, not only in the faith as it is expressed in our Augsburg Confession, but also as the same is expounded and developed in all the other Confessions of our Church.. Standing, then, for the same truth as it is in Jesus, expressed in the same words, and with the same simple, native meaning, in which truth we propose forever to abide, we can and do invoke the blessing of God upon your efforts to maintain and extend the pure truth of the Gospel. May the success which he has hitherto given you be but the feeble beginning of that which He may yet be pleased to give you. Amidst the, I fear, growing disposition to compromise and adulterate the faith once delivered unto the saints, and finally to abandon it altogether, may God graciously give to you in your sphere, and to us in ours, to hold tenaciously to every part and particle of that truth set

forth so plainly and Scripturally in all our Confessions, to the glory of His name, and the cementing and strengthening of the ties that bind all those who stand in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God.

With the highest sentiments of respect and esteem, I remain your obedient servant and brother in Christ,

L. G. M. Miller.

Visiting Delegate to the General Council in session at Erie, Pa.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE ICELANDIC SYNOD.

Fargo, N. Dak., Sept. 27th, 1897.

To the Reverend President of the General Council.

Reverend and Dear Sir :

Having been appointed visitor to the Icelandic Synod, it was my privilege to be present at the meeting of that Synod held near Glenboro, Manitoba, in June, 1896. The fraternal greetings of the General Council were received most cordially, the members of Synod expressing their appreciation of the courtesy shown Synod by the General Council. I was asked to state the advantages to be derived by the Synod should it decide to unite with the General Council. A Committee was then appointed to prepare the necessary amendments to the synodical Constitution, to report at the Convention of 1897. The hope was expressed by the members of Synod that union with the General Council would soon be an accomplished fact, and that action to that effect might be taken in '97. However, by referring to the "Lutheran" of July 22, 1897, I learned that the question of union with the General Council was postponed until 1898.

I was received with a hearty good will that was most gratifying to me personally. I was impressed with the frequent references to the General Council, made on the floor of Synod by the various speakers.

I am sincerely yours,

H. K. Gebhart.

The report was adopted.

Prayer was offered by Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, of Philadelphia. Adjourned.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, October 18, 2:00 P. M

Rev. John Telleen, of Chicago, Superintendent of Foreign Missions, led the devotional service; Hymn 270, I. John i; prayer.

The morning Minutes were read and approved.

The English Secretary read the following reports:

REPORT OF THE IMMIGRANT MISSION BOARD.

FROM JULY, 1895, TO JULY, 1897.

During the past two years our Immigrant Mission seemed to have lost much of its former importance, owing to the decrease of immigration during this time, this decrease among the German immigrants alone making a difference of 20,000 persons annually. Nevertheless the number of souls that spent a longer or shorter time in our Emigrant House and were, therefore, brought into more or less close contact with our Immigrant Mission, amounted to nearly 12,000, a by no means inconsiderable number, especially when compared with the work of other Missions among the immigrants carried on here. It is evident, that one of the main factors contributing to the continued existence and the efficiency of our Mission work is to be found in the existence of the Emigrant House, which in October of next year will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary. For nearly twenty-five years the doors of this house have been open to all who chose to put themselves under the fostering care of our Mission, and its activity has gained for it a name and fame on both sides of the water, that has resulted in increased confidence in our work.

Thus we are permitted to report with reference to the past two years also, that our Missionary, Rev. W. Berkemeier, has continued to labor in the Emigrant House, as the chief scene of his activity, not without success fulfilling the duties of his office. It is true he must first meet and greet the immigrants at the landing-place, and must, with the help of an agent, gather and conduct to the Emigrant House those who desire to avail themselves of its opportunities. But after all it is in this house, in

its chapel, when the Missionary gathers the guests about himself in morning and evening worship, that he can do his chief work. Here he greets them in the name of the Lord and of His Church in this land, warns them of the dangers here threatening body and soul, beseeches and admonishes our fellows in the faith to hold fast the truth of the Gospel after the manner of their fathers, and to connect themselves with their church in this land of their adoption, to this end giving them the name and address of the Lutheran pastor at or nearest to their destination. In the house the Missionary embraces the opportunity offered him in co-operation with the steward to furnish the guests church papers and almanacs, tracts, Testaments, and books of devotion, and when, having enjoyed and revived under the rest and protection afforded them, they prepare to continue their journey, he sees that they are safely escorted to the railroad station, that they may not be misled or fleeced.

The correspondence of the Mission embraced about 8,000 letters, postal cards, and telegrams and approximately the same number of answers. Most of this correspondence consisted of inquiries with regard to passage or the advisability of emigration, or with reference to such as had arrived here and whose whereabouts was unknown, etc.

The state of the treasury, as is to be seen from the Treasurer's Report, is not all that might be desired, showing only a small balance. This need not be so, if only pastors and members of congregations, German as well as English, would, when planning a trip abroad, engage the services of our house. This would be to their advantage. No one could give them more prompt and reliable information or furnish tickets for passage at a lower rate than they could obtain through our agency, whilst the purchaser would at the same time be advancing the interests of our work, as the Mission treasury profits by the commission on the sale of tickets, without taking from the purchaser one cent more than he would be compelled to pay elsewhere. The many and great demands on our treasury created by the continual presence of immigrants needing assistance (in the past two years alone about 6,000 persons were furnished with free meals and in 135 cases assistance in money was given) make it necessary to commend this so necessary part of the Mission work of the General Council to its consideration.

Owing to the total destruction by fire of the extensive buildings erected for the accommodation of the immigrants on Ellis Island, the landing-place of the immigrants (formerly Castle Garden, latterly Ellis Island) has been changed, so that now they are landed at Battery Place, in the Barge Office, which had formerly been temporarily used for this purpose. It is also to be noted, that Dr. Senner, who was for over four years the chief of the Immigration Bureau in this city, and who showed himself to be very favorably inclined towards our work, has resigned, and Mr. Fitchie, also a man of capability for the position, has been chosen as his successor.

In our Board a vacancy was created by the resignation, owing to too great infirmity, of Rev. J. H. Baden. The Emigrant House Board elected Rev. A. Richter in his place. Mr. Hokan Johansen has declined to serve as a member of the Board.

Referring in conclusion to the annual reports of the Emigrant House for the past two years, which accompany this report and in which the work of our Mission is explained in a more detailed manner, we submit this statement of our work, trusting that the Lord our God, who loveth the strangers, may in future also bless and protect the work of our Immigrant Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Hauff, Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer of the Immigrant Mission Committee of the General Council,

For the Two Years from July 1, 1895, to July 1, 1897.

1895.				
July 1.	Balance in Treasury for Immigrant Mission.	$	231 06	
	Balance in Treasury for Poor Immigrants..		260 87	$491 93
	Receipts for Immigrant Mission.			
	Donations received from Synods, Congregations, Sunday-schools, Ladies' Societies, and Individuals, as acknowledged in Church papers			980 44
	Receipts for Immigrants.			
	Donations, as above			677 84
	Total			$2,150 21

DISBURSEMENTS FOR IMMIGRANT MISSION.

Salary of Missionary, Rev. W. Berkemeier, for two years		$1,200 00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR POOR IMMIGRANTS.

133 cases of assistance to poor Immigrants and towards traveling expenses	$ 214 14	
11,150 St. Andrew's Society Coffee tickets	111 50	
5,899 meals to poor Immigrants, out of work	325 90	651 54
Total		$1,851 54

1897.				
July 1.	To Balance for Immigrant Mission	$ 11 50		
	To Balance for poor Immigrants	287 17	298 67	
	Total		$2,150 21	

NEW YORK, JULY 1, 1897.

W. H. SCHMITTHENNER, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

W. HAUFF,
L. F. J. ANGER.

NEW YORK, JULY 3, 1897.

These reports were received, and ordered to be spread on the Minutes.

Resolved, That the Immigrant Mission be, with renewed confidence, commended to our people.

Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, Secretary, read the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

We look back to-day upon the most eventful biennium in the history of the Board of Publication. The work mapped out for us at your last Convention was so great, that for its execution other plans and methods were needed than heretofore obtained.

Thirty-two meetings of the Board were held, and of the business transacted at these, we would herewith respectfully report as follows.

Immediately after your Convention at Easton, your Board re-elected its former officers, and continued its agent in office. During the absence of the Secretary, from June to October, 1896, Rev. J. L. Sibole acted as Secretary pro tempore.

Under date of Dec. 5, 1895, the Church Book Committee informed our Board that it had "designated Rev. Buermeyer as its candidate for Editor" of the English Sunday-school Book with Music. Also that "The Committee nominates Dr. Spaeth as candidate for Editor of German Publications." On Dec. 10, 1895, your Board met, and, (the venerable Chairman of the Church Book Committee being present) concurred in this selection.

Dr. Spaeth was also elected Editor of the German "Agende."

In the month of May, 1896, we secured rooms at No. 1204 Walnut street, at a rental of $40 per month, as "General Headquarters for the Boards and Agencies of the General Council located at Philadelphia," as authorized by you at Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1893. It was understood that one of the rooms should be used as the office of your new Church Paper, the publication of which was about to begin, and it is now devoted to this purpose. When it became necessary, additional room at $15 per month was rented.

With the preparations for issuing the Sunday-school Lesson Quarterlies, more help was needed. A temporary arrangement was effected August 10, 1896, with Rev. E. R. Cassaday, to render the aid required.

But it soon became evident that necessity was upon us to appoint a practical business man to manage and control our rapidly increasing business interests. After conferring with the Ways and Means Committee of your official Church Paper, said Committee, realizing the great importance of proper business methods, agreed to join the Board in securing a suitable man.

A Committee, consisting of Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph. D., Jas. N. Mohr, and Rev. H. Grahn, D. D., appointed Aug. 4, 1896, for the purpose of considering this matter in all its bearings, and if possible to make a nomination, reported Sept. 11, 1896, that "it was the united judgment of the Committee that Mr. C. B. Opp, of Bethlehem, be appointed as the Business Manager of this Board."

Mr. Opp, for some time a member of our Board, and for many years practically in the work, was known to be in every respect qualified, as few men are, to assume charge of our interests.

This recommendation found favor with the Board, and with the Ways and Means Committee of "The Lutheran."

A unanimous call was extended to Mr. Opp, at a salary of $1,500 per annum—the payment of one-third of which was assumed by "The Lutheran."

Although it seemed doubtful whether Mr. Opp would accept, as he was financially better situated where he was, to the joy of all, he, for the sake of the Church and its work, made the sacrifice, accepted the position of "Business Manager," and entered upon his duties January 2, 1897.

All arrangements previously made terminated on that date. Rev. J. K. Plitt, who had served as agent, was retained by Mr. Opp, for a portion of his time daily, at a salary of $250 per annum.

The correspondence, and business, however, increased to such an extent, that further assistance was required; and the Business Manager was empowered to engage the services of a young man, and subsequently also of a young lady. These four persons now constitute the working force at our rooms. The salaries paid to them by the Board aggregate $1,626 per annum.

The new German Sunday-school Book with Music was ready for the market June 1, 1896.

In the month of April, 1896, an agreement was made with Mesrs. W. H. Keyser & Co., to furnish plates of the new English Sunday-school Book with Music, as rapidly as possible. A month later the "copy" of the book reached this Board, and was placed in the hands of said firm. They were also instructed to send as many proofs of pages as the Editor desired, to all persons whose names and addresses would be furnished them by the Editor. The first edition of this new book, consisting of 3,000 copies, was issued in December, 1896, and has been exhausted. The errors discovered have been carefully corrected by the Committee on said book; a new edition has just left the press, and will be ready for delivery as soon as it can be bound.

The new German Sunday-school Book without Music, as well as the "Agende," appeared in December, 1896; and the new English Sunday-school Book, words only, in the month of February, 1897.

The books, of which new plates have been completed since your last Convention, are:

1. German Sunday-school Book with Music.
2. German Sunday-school Book without Music.
3. German "Agende."
4. English Sunday-school Book with Music.
5. English Sunday-school Book without Music.

The cash outlay for these plates has been $4,576.57; and a surplus of $5,000 has been paid to your Treasurer for Missions.

With Advent, 1896, as per your instructions, the publication of Teachers' and Scholars' Sunday-school Lesson Quarterlies was begun. These have been very favorably received by the Church.

The Sunday-school Literature Committee also prepared, and since April 1, 1897, we publish semi-monthly the small illustrated Infant Sunday-school Lesson Paper, "Sunbeams."

The Wall Charts of "The Ten Commandments," "The Creed," and "The Lord's Prayer," have also been published. As it was impossible to find a printing office supplied with enough types of a suitable size and form, we were obliged to have the types made for the purpose.

We have not as yet secured the "fit series of pictures, illustrating Old and New Testament History." The expense connected with obtaining them, lithographed and printed in colors, is very great, and a large order must be placed when the printing is undertaken. Should the General Council definitely determine to publish, in permanent form, a book of Biblical History, which would have a constant sale—a set of colored wall chart pictures illustrating the particular histories in said book, could be issued, and kept on sale with the book. In this manner, eventually, the outlay would be returned through the sales made.

A Biblical History in the German language would also, we believe, find a ready sale in our German Sunday-schools.

You instructed your Board to set aside 30 per cent. of the income of our publications for the securing of a Publication House. This fund would, at present, amount to $2,142.85.

The plates of so many new books, and the establishment of headquarters, required an unusual outlay of money, and it was necessary to have funds to begin the issue of the Lesson Quarterlies and Wall Charts. Hence we were placed before the alter-

native, to use either said fund temporarily, or the money otherwise devoted to Missions. In view of the pressing needs of our Missionaries we chose the former course. We expect soon to restore this fund.

The matter at issue between us and the Synod of Iowa, referred to in our last report, has been settled, said Synod having indemnified the General Council for losses sustained.

You referred to us, and your Board of Trustees, a resolution instructing us to furnish our publications to the Publication House of the United Norwegian Church, for the use of their congregations, at the largest discount possible. With the approval of your Trustees, a list of discounts was prepared, and the Mission Edition of the Church Book was offered on the same terms as it is supplied to our own Missions. No reply to this offer has ever been received.

The following resolution offered at your last Convention, was refered to us with instructions to report upon it at this meeting:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be and hereby is instructed not to sell our books to publication houses in sheets or unbound copies.

The action in the case taken by our Board is the following:

Resolved, That this Board approves of said resolution, has always acted in accordance therewith, and desires that the General Council make the rule permanent.

At the meeting of the Board held October 11, 1897, a letter from Mrs. H. R. Spaeth was read, in which she offered us the "Church Book with Music" at terms to be agreed upon. As the time was too short to arrange for a conference with her before your meeting, it was resolved to inform you of this offer, and to request authority to make some arrangement with Mrs. Spaeth if, in our judgment, it is of benefit to the Board.

We would call attention to the desirability of having this Board incorporated, and herewith respectfully ask for instructions to that effect.

The number of copies of each book printed since our last report is.

ENGLISH BOOKS.

Church Book, large size	10,000
Church Book, small size	5,000
Church Book, Mission Edition	2,000
Sunday-school Book with Music (old edition)	2,000
Sunday-school Book with Music (new edition)	3,000
Sunday-school Book, Words only (new edition)	4,800
Luther's Catechism, with Proof Texts	2,000
Luther's Catechism, Miniature Edition	1,500

GERMAN BOOKS.

Kirchenbuch, large size	3,000
Kirchenbuch, small size	10,000
Agende	500
Sonntagschulbuch mit Noten (old edition)	2,000
Sonntagschulbuch mit Noten (new edition)	3,000
Sonntagschulbuch ohne Noten (new edition)	8,000
Luther's Katechismus mitt Bibelspruechen	2,000
Luther's Katechismus Miniatur Ausgabe	500

For the purpose of establishing proper relations between this Board and the editor of any new book, we would recommend that you order the following mode of procedure:

1. The Editor shall be elected when the manuscript of the book is completed.

2. It shall be his duty to transfer the manuscript to the Publication Board.

3. He shall furnish the Board with the names and addresses of the Committee who prepared said book.

4. The Board shall see to it that proofs of all pages of the book are sent to the addresses furnished.

5. The members receiving proofs are instructed to mark the corrections desired, and send the same to the Editor without delay.

6. The Editor shall transfer the corrections to a single proof-sheet of the page concerned.

7. When all the members have sent their proof-pages to him, and he has noted their corrections as above, he shall send this proof-sheet, with corrections, to the Board.

8. The Board shall see to it that the corrections are properly made, and that revises are sent to all the members of the Committee.

9. These shall, at once, notify the Editor, and when the Editor has heard from them, he shall note any further corrections on the "Revise," or mark it correct, and send the same to the Board.

10. When all is correct, the Board shall take the necessary steps for issuing the book.

We believe, that in this way, misunderstandings will be avoided and the best results attained.

For the particulars of our finances we refer to the accompanying report of our Treasurer. We would here, however, note that, with the amuont paid for plates.....$ 4,576 57
And the sum transferred to your Treasurer for missions$ 5,000 00

We can report a clear gain of.....$ 9,576 57

Besides this we have paid for a large quantity of paper on hand necessary for new editions.

The inventory of the stock on hand at the binder's, and at our rooms, shows a value at the wholesale rate of....$11,022 85
The value of the plates of our books, at the lowest calculation is about..... 7,500 00

Showing our assets at this time to be.....$18,522 85

In view of the period of financial depression through which we have passed, it is so evident that what has been attained, is due to the blessing of our Heavenly Father, that we lift up our hearts in gratitude to Him, and say,

Soli Deo Gloria!

Respectfully submitted,
By order of the Board,

F. W. Weiskotten, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF PUBLICATION BOARD.

From Oct. 1st, 1895 to Oct. 1st, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Balance October 1st, 1895.....	$1,314 74
From sales of Publications.....	31,545 78
"The Lutheran" (on account salary Business Manager)....	250 00
Interest on Bank balances.....	98 55
Total.....	$33,209 07

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Paper	$3 292 86
For Printing	6,977 83
For Binding	9,008 25
For Eletrotype Plates and Expenses	4,576 57
For Salaries	1,283 32
For Rent	800 00
For Insurance on Stock	79 20
For Miscellaneous Expenses, including Furnishing Rooms	1,054 20
Paid to Treasurer of General Council	5,000 00
Total	$32,072 23
Leaving a balance of	$1,136 84

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL P. SADTLER, Treasurer.

Your Committee has examined the above account and finds it correct.

JAMES N. MOHR, Auditing Committee.

ACTION ON THE PUBLICATION BOARD'S REPORT.

The ten resolutions on the relations between the Board and the editors of new books were adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Roth,

Resolved, That the question of a publication of a Biblical History in the German language be referred to the Sunday-school Committee with power to act.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Schmauk,

Resolved, That the question of "selling our books to publication houses, in sheets," be referred back to the Board with power to act.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Board be given authority to act in the matter of the "Church Book with Music."

Resolved, That the Board be authorized to take out letters of incorporation

The following motion of Rev. Dr. Peschau was referred to the Publication Board:

Resolved, That our Publication Board be requested to issue, as soon as possible, an edition of our most excellent "Church Book," in large print, for our aged members and for altar use, to be known as the "Pulpit Edition."

The following resolution, proposed by Dr. Seiss, was also referred to the Publication Board:

Resolved, That the Publication Board prepare an edition of the Church Book in the ordinary form, containing the "Additional Prayers."

On motion of Rev. F. W. Weiskotten,

Resolved, That the Publication Board be authorized to issue certificates of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be instructed to publish Class and Record Books for Sunday-schools.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Schaeffer,

Resolved, That the Publication Board be instructed to consider the advisability of publishing a Year Book, beginning with the year 1899. and if it be found advisable, that it have power to act.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be instructed to have an Almanac printed for 1898.

The report of the Board of Publication was then adopted as a whole.

Rev. Dr. Schantz presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LUTHERAN BOOK STORE.

The Committee appointed to report on the proposition made by The Lutheran Book Store" 1117 North Sixth street, Philadelphia, Pa., to afford the General Council an opportunity to purchase the books on hand, the sheets of books, and plates of a number of publications, of all of which an inventory was presented, amounting to $11,398.90, with the request by letter asking us to make an offer, and the statement that, if the offer should amount to anything, the indebtedness of the Book Store to the General Council be deducted, would respectfully report that, while some of the books and plates might be of value to the General Council, we do not deem it advisable for the General Council to purchase the stock as represented in the inventory. The Committee would recommend that the General Council authorize the Board of Publication to purchase such books, sheets and plates as in their judgment may be of value to the General Council, provided it can be done at a reasonable price, and the indebtedness of the "Lutheran Book Store" be deducted from the purchase price.

F. J. F. Schantz,
D. W. Peterson,
J. C. Kunzmann,
Samuel J. Beck,
C. A. Smith,
Louis W. Kaufmann.

The report was adopted with its recommendation.

Rev. J. C. Kunzmann read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS FOR PROPOSED CHURCH PAPER, "THE LUTHERAN."

The Committee of Ways and Means, appointed for the establishment of a General Council Church Paper, begs leave to submit the following report of the origin, development and present status of said paper.

I. Organization.

During the year that intervened between the General Council's last sessions, and the publishing of the first issue of the present "Lutheran," your Committee held 11 meetings—one each at Easton, Lancaster, Harrisburg, and Mt. Gretna; three at Allentown, and four in Philadelphia.

In accordance with the resolutions (see Minutes 1895, p. 78) the Committee was enlarged by the addition at intervals of the folowing persons: Rev. J. A. Scheffer, Rev. M. H. Richards, D. D., Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, Rev. E. R. Cassaday, Messrs. T. H. Diehl, and Charles B. Opp, and E. Aug. Miler, Esq.

At the first meeting the Committee requested and authorized the Chairman, the Managing Editor-elect, to devote his entire time to the task of collecting the Fund..

Rev. J. A. Scheffer was elected Secretary and Treasurer, but resigned as Treasurer later on, and Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D. D., was chosen in his place. The present officers are: Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D. D., Chairman; Rev. J. A. Scheffer, Secretary, and Mr. Charles B. Opp, Treasurer and Business Manager.

II. The Collection of the Fund.

In accordance with resolution 2, page 71, (Minutes 1895) circulars were prepared setting forth the character of the enterprise, and soliciting the aid of pastors and people. The response was favorable, and after considerable misgiving, your Managing Editor resigned his congregation, to devote his entire time to secure the needed Fund. It was felt that individual solicitation was the only method that would prove effective and would least interfere with other worthy causes; accordingly for eight months, various persons, blessed with means, were called upon with the following result:

Three individual subscriptions		$500 00 each
One subscription (husband and wife)		300 00 each
Twenty-eight subscriptions		100 00 each
Ten subscriptions		50 00 each
One subscription		35 00
Eighty-one subscriptions and promises		25 00 each
Seven subscriptions		20 00 each
Three subscriptions		15 00 each
Twenty-five subscriptions		10 00 each
Twenty subscriptions		5 00 each
Offerings		17 27
Church Messenger Association	Contribution $100 00 Unpaid Subscriptions 300 00	400 00
Committee's expenses donated		185 00
Total		$8,297 27
Assets counted on were the value of the Church Messenger		$900 00
And Advertisements		1,000 00
Total of donations and assets		$10,197 27

The Treasurer's account shows an income for the Fund of $6,393.62, which does not include $663.25 contributed as services, and subscriptions on mailing list, while $1,140.40 remain unpaid. Of this $1,140.40 the greater bulk was in indefinte promises and conditional subscriptions, and it is not likely that much of it will be realized. It should be stated, however, that of the number of "pen and ink" subscriptions, few remain unpaid.

The solicitor of the Fund realized that fully $1,000 more should be secured before efforts should cease, but the pressure of the hard times was felt so keenly during the spring and summer of 1896 as to make further success well-nigh impossible, and at the meeting held July 23, 1896, at Mt. Gretna, when the donations and subscriptions had reached the sum of $8,140.00, your Committee felt safe in launching the project. Besides, the Committee were convinced that every month's delay after September, 1896, would be fatal to the interests of the paper.

III. Election of an Editor=in=Chief and a Staff=Correspondent.

In January, 1896, the Committee held two sessions at Harrisburg, and after adjournment learned with regret of Dr. Jacobs's withdrawal from the Chief Editorship. The Committee immediately called a meeting in Philadelphia, and in accordance with resolutions (Minutes of 1895, p. 78) the Committee recommended to those staff correspondents who had signified their

willingness to accept the position, the name of Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., LL. D., to fill the vacancy. This was done, and Dr. Krotel was afterwards elected.

At that meeting, also, the functions of Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor were more clearly defined as follows:

1. "The Editor-in-Chief shall have general supervision as to the contents of the Paper, including the power of exclusion in every detail. He is also to conduct the editorial department of the Paper.

2. "The Managing Editor is to have full charge of the management of the Paper, to secure the news from all quarters, congregations, institutions, officers of Conferences, Synods, the General Council, including articles and staff correspondence, exchanges, etc. He shall also have charge of the family, young people's and devotional departments."

A copy of these resolutions was sent to Dr. Krotel, with the request for an early decision, and in a communication received shortly thereafter he consented to serve.

At that meeting, also, the Committee elected Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D. D., as staff correspondent in place of Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., who declined to serve. Dr. Geissinger agreed to accept.

IV. Purchase of "The Lutheran" and "The Workman."

In accordance with the resolution (page 72, Minutes 1895) steps were taken early in 1896 to purchase "The Lutheran" and "The Workman" at a fair and reasonable price. Rev. Dr. Ziegenfuss, E. Aug. Miller, Esq., and T. H. Diehl were appointed to confer with Rev. G. W. Frederick, publisher of "The Lutheran," and Rev. J. C. Kunzmann and J. Boyd Duff, Esq., likewise, to confer with Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., publisher of "The Workman."

After considerable delay and the overcoming of many difficulties, terms were agreed upon and the purchase consummated as specified in the Business Manager's report. (The bills of sale are at hand, and can be read if the Council so desires.)

V. The Lutheran Church Messenger.

The "Church Messenger Association," from the beginning, expressed itself as ready to co-operate with the new movement

within the limits of their charter and constitution, and the following conditional arrangements were entered into:

1. The said party of the second part shall publish a monthly edition of the weekly paper about to be established, for the price, or sum, of 50 cents per annum, for the present subscribers of the "Lutheran Church Messenger," and such other subscribers to the same as may from time to time be obtained; said monthly edition to contain an amount of reading matter equivalent to that of the present "Church Messenger," and in conformity with its purposes, which may be made up from articles, items of news and editorials appearing in the weekly edition, the full control, management, and publication of said monthly edition to be in the hands of the said party of the second part.

2. The said party of the second part shall annually report to the said party of the first part, such items of interest and information concerning said monthly edition of said paper, as may be requested by the said party of the part.

3. Should the said party of the second part, at any time, discontinue the publication of said monthly edition of said paper, three months' notice of the intention to so discontinue shall be given said party of the first part, and upon such discontinuance this assignment and agreement shall be cancelled, and the said party of the first part shall resume the full ownership and control of said monthly publication, together with the mailing and subscription lists, provided, however, that any future publication by them shall not assume the same name as the weekly paper published by the said party of the second part. (The articles of agreement are in the Secretary's minutes, and can be read in full if the Council so desires.)

Besides the surrender of its management, and of the unpaid subscriptions, amounting to over $300, the Association donated an additional $100 from the fund it had saved in previous years.

VI. Business Management.

From the beginning the Committee realized that the business management of the Paper should be placed in competent hands; but it felt that the enterprise would not warrant the payment of a full salary. Upon learning that the Council's Board

of Publication were in search of such a manager, the Committee proposed to the Board the joint employment of one and the same man. Its proposition was accepted later on, and the conditions specified and agreed upon, as the Secretary's minutes will show. Before the arrangement could be consummated, however, the Committee secured the services temporarily of Rev. E. R. Cassady, now canvassing manager. He was assisted by Rev. J. A. Scheffer, who arranged and corrected the merged mailing lists of "The Lutheran" and "The Workman." The latter, former manager of the "Church Messenger," assisted by Prof. W. Wackernagel, D. D., selects and arranges the matter that is to go into the monthly edition of "The Lutheran."

VII. Advertising.

The matter of advertisements has been a sore disappointment to the management. Church papers generally are compelled to rely on the income from this source to meet expenses, and the increased circulation of "The Lutheran" over the combined circulation of the papers merged, would have secured an income of at least $1,800; but it was impossible to form contracts with advertising agencies without admitting to the columns of the Paper matter highly objectionable. This was done for three months, under an existing former contract, to the disgust of the management, as well as of many readers. Had it not been for this disappointment, your Committee could have come before this body with a handsome balance sheet. The conclusion arrived at was, better have "The Lutheran" present a clean sheet throughout, with decreased income, than be the handmaid of deceit and quackery, with a fine balance sheet.

VIII. Price of Paper.

Many friends of the Paper feel that a much wider circulation woud be secured if the price were reduced. This is a pure business question, and one which perhaps the management of the Paper itself is in the best position to decide. But the Committee has found that it is being discussed so generally as to render it advisable to apprise the Council of the matter. Many pastors insist that a $1.50, and even a $1.00 paper, is the demand of the

hour. But it is an open question. Will it pay to decrease the present certain subscription revenues of the Paper by one-half, when there is nothing more solid to be offered as a reason for doing so than a general hope that at least again as many as those who now take the Paper will at once subscribe when the reduction is made? With our present constituency, is it not more difficult to get 12,000 people to pay $1.00 than 6,000 to pay $2.00? Will not many who object to a $2.00 paper, also object to a $1.50 or even a $1.00 paper? The Committee has had considerable experience with mere promises that are not actually binding on those making them. In the presence of so much cheap reading and so much indifference to and ignorance of the Church, will the absence of a representative Church paper be sufficiently felt to induce many more to subscribe? The whole question is one of education, rather than of money, though it cannot be gainsaid that a cheaper paper might easily double the present subscription. Nevertheless, the Committee has not felt warranted to try the experiment.

IX. Status and Prospects.

One thing which the Committee is endeavoring to accomplish is a completer representation of the varied interests of the General Council. Thus far it has had to contend with a number of difficulties growing out of the inadequate size of the Paper and of the need of its being not only a family, but also a representative journal; but we have strong hopes of overcoming them all in the end. Your Committee is more and more convinced of the wisdom of the Council's action in establishing this Paper and believes that its sphere of usefulness is enlarging and will continue to do so more and more.

Judging from letters received and words spoken, one of the most wholesome influences connected with the new Paper is the drawing-together of the whole Council in closer bonds, and the infusion of a spirit of strength, hopefulness and confidence as to the future of the Council and its work. This is the case, not only in our own bounds, but the same impression has been produced upon the outside religious world. It is the conviction of the Committee that the future of the Paper will fully justify the action that was taken by the Council two years ago.

X. Canvassing.

The Committee realizes that the canvass for increasing the circulation of the Paper has not been pressed with the system and vigor which its importance demands. Too much else required the attention of the management to make such a canvass possible Besides the difficulty of finding the right man who would devote his entire time to the work, as also the question of his support, made progress in this direction exceedingly slow.

Nevertheless, the management is projecting plans, and in due season hopes to realize more nearly what may have seemed, in the beginning, to be exaggerated hopes on the part of the Committee. Meanwhile, it believes that a more effective co-operation on the part of pastors and people should be possible than has yet been attained, and it would request this General Council to recommend to the respective Synods the appointment of an active pastor and layman within their bounds, who shall assist the management in effecting a thorough and vigorous canvass throughout the various Synods. It believes this to be of great importance, both to this publication enterprise and to the people. That the bulk of our English-speaking people have thus far had comparatively little interest in our church papers and in the great causes they aim to further is abundantly proved by the vast amount of indifference that is shown towards such reading as is calculated to build up loyal and intelligent Church membership. This enterprise is still in its infancy, and now, if ever, is the time when its claims should be pressed with vigor.

XI. Future Management.

In considering plans as to the future and permanent business management of the Paper, your Committee has come to the conclusion that it should be placed, as are the other publications of the General Council, in the hands of the Publication Board, and under the special oversight of a standing sub-committee, which shall render quarterly reports of the work and status of the Paper to that body; and it would so recommend.

Your Committee having gathered the funds, secured the rights, good will and property of the other papers, begun the issue of the new Paper and placed it on a safe running basis, be-

lieves the work assigned it by the Council finished, and respectfully asks to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Ziegenfuss,
Chairman.
J. C. Kunzmann,
T. E. Schmauk,
G. A. Bierdemann,
Geo. W. Sandt,
C. R. Lantz,
Wm. M. Swingle,
J. A. Scheffer,
Secretary.
M. H. Richards,
F. W. Weiskotten,
T. H. Diehl,
E. Aug. Miller,
Chas. B. Opp,
Business Manager.
Committee.

The following action was taken by the Council:

Resolved 1. That the business management of "The Lutheran" be placed in the hands of the Publication Board, and under the special oversight of a standing Sub-Committee, which shall render quarterly reports of the work and status of the paper to said Board.

2. That the Committee of Ways and Means be hereby discharged with thanks for efficient service.

The Committee on the Nomination of Boards was instructed to nominate the Committee on Sunday-school Work.

Prayer by Rev. M. Ruccius, President of the Manitoba Synod. Adjourned.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Tuesday, October 19, 9 A. M.

Rev. Gustave A. Benze, pastor loci, led the devotional service; Hymn 411, II. Cor. vi, 1-10, prayer.

The Minutes of Tuesday afternoon were read and approved.

"THE LUTHERAN."

On motion of Rev. Dr. Schmauk,

Resolved, That the Editorial Staff of "The Lutheran" be elected by the General Council at such times as the Council, by formal resolution, desires to proceed to an election.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Spaeth,

Resolved, That in case of a vacancy in the Editorial Staff, it be filled temporarily, by the remaining members of that Staff, and that at the next following meeting of the General Council an election be held to fill the same.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Seiss,

Resolved, That we request the Board of Foreign Missions to insert items of interest in "The Lutheran."

On motion of Rev. Dr. Schmauk,

Resolved 1. That the General Council expresses its great appreciation of "Der Lutherische Herold," published by the New York Ministerium, as a loyal, conservative and well-conducted paper, of an unusually high grade of excellence, and that we commend the same to all our German congregations.

2. That a Committee be appointed by the Council to confer with the New York Ministerium in order to see whether that excellent paper can be secured as the German organ of the General Council.

Committee—Revs. A. Richter, G. C. Berkemeier, G. C. F. Haas, Dr. J. J. Kuendig, F. W. Weiskotten, Dr. F. W. E. Peschau, and E. Hoffmann, and Messrs. L. W. Kaufmann, M. Wulff, Chas. D. Boschen, A. J. D. Wedemeyer, and H. Gieschen.

Mr. Chas. B. Opp, Business Manager of "The Lutheran," read the

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.—("THE LUTHERAN.")

Shortly after accepting the management of the business interests under the control of the Board of Publication, your Committee saw fit to elect me to the office of Treasurer, vice Rev. Dr. Ziegenfuss, who, on account of his duties as pastor of a large congregation, felt compelled to resign. This report, so far as the financial operations are concerned, will, therefore, cover the whole period from the time the first funds came into the Treasurer's hands, namely March 16, 1896, to the end of the month of September, 1897.

GENERAL CASH STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Contributions to Special Fund and advance subscriptions	$ 6,393 62
Loan	500 00
Subscriptions to Weekly and Monthly editions	5,791 63
Arrearages on "Workman" account	346 08
Advertising account	339 64
Premiums	315 35
Miscellaneous	85 16
Total	$13,771 48

DISBURSEMENTS.

Purchase money, "The Lutheran"	$ 2,500 00
Purchase money, "The Workman"	2,000 00
Loan repaid	500 00
Traveling and other expenses in collecting Funds	517 94
Paper, printing and mailing	4,707 22
Salaries	2,541 65
Premiums	316 30
Miscellaneous expenses	630 45
Total	$13,713 56
Leaving a balance in Treasury of	$57 92

In addition to the $2,000 paid to the owner of "The Workman," he was given the use of the space of one column for two years, and the income therefrom. This was valued at $500.

Permit me to call particular attention to the services of the Managing Editor. He has practically given nine months to the work without compensation, and is therefore the largest contributor, besides enduring the hardship and strain which invariably are connected with the task of raising funds for a special object, and are especially trying in establishing a Church paper.

An analysis of the mail lists as handed over at the time the purchase of the papers was consummated, showed that the debits on the subscriptions of "The Lutheran" were about $1,150, while the credits for payments beyond Oct. 1, 1896, amounted to about $590; the debits on "The Workman" were about $1,838, and the credits $705; therefore, to the extent of the credits shown,

namely, $1,295, the new Paper had to be furnished with no income whatever, and only a small amount of the unpaid subscriptions were collectible, as those of you who have any knowledge of newspaper subscriptions are very well aware that only a small percentage of overdue accounts is obtainable.

The subscriptions to "The Lutheran" aggregate more by upwards of 700 than the combined number of the two papers at the time of the purchase..

The publication of a monthly edition of "The Lutheran" has shown a profit, and there seems to be a field for it; hence its publication should be continued. In a number of cases where a weekly will not be taken, the monthly edition finds an entrance, and possibly, in time, results in a subscription to the weekly.

After the expiration of existing advertising contracts made with the former owners, the columns of the Paper were closed to that class of advertising, which, although quite remunerative, was deemed objectionable, the management feeling assured that it would be more desirable to the General Council if a clean paper be issued at a possible loss, rather than that a paper be published abounding with clap-trap advertisements and at a possible gain.

Strenuous efforts were made to collect subscription and advertising bills within the year, but owing to the stringency of the times sufficient means were not realized to pay the salaries up to date. These aggregate $893.35, for which, however, there is a credit of over $1,500, considered good.

New subscribers have been added to the list, but others have discontinued their subscriptions; and where reasons are given for discontinuance they are either that the price is too high, the times too hard, and lack of employment, causing inability to pay. No complaint is made as to the character of the contents; so that with the dawn of better times we may reasonably hope to hold the present subscription. There is no doubt, however, that were special efforts made in all of our congregations, and the cause of the Church paper urged upon the attention and interest of the members, both in public and in private, a considerable addition might be made to the lists, and the Paper become more than self-sustaining. Thus, would not only the financial status be

improved, but a larger number of our members would be induced to take a more lively interest in all of our Church affairs, and receive all the benefits which a Church paper is designed to bestow upon them. It might be well if the Council would take this matter into consideration and devise some plan for increasing the circulation as speedily as possible.

No one will deny that Church papers are missionary in their character, and that they are assistant collectors for all causes, and the means of furnishing free printing for all, and, because of this they may fairly look for help to those causes which they in turn assist.

Convinced that the General Council, conscious of the power of the printing press, fully recognizes the position of the Church paper as an indispensable branch of Church activity and usefulness, and that it is deserving of the universal support of our membership, it is suggested that ministers be especially charged with the duty of seeing that the circulation of "The Lutheran," as well as all the other publications under its control, be increased, and that at each meeting of the respective Synods they be requested to report the number of copies taken of the several papers issued.

Other methods might be suggested, but the principal one should not be lost sight of, namely, that of securing say from six to ten new subscribers in every English congregation. These, in addition to what we already have, would put the paper on a more substantial basis.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. B. OPP,

October 1, 1897. Manager and Treasurer.

The report was adopted with the proviso,

Resolved, That the Board of Publication audit the Business Manager's accounts, and report to the Secretaries in time for publication in the Minutes.

On motion of J. Boyd Duff, Esq.,

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be hereby authorized and directed to have themselves duly incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, under the name and style of "The Board of Publication of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America."

On motion of Rev. Dr. Laird,

Resolved, That the Publication Board be instructed to furnish the German and English Sunday-school Books at the lowest price possible, consistent with the manufacture and sale of the books without loss.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Spaeth,

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be authorized to make special arrangements with Congregations and Sunday-schools for the introduction of Sunday-school and Church Books.

The report of the Business Manager, with the proviso concerning auditing, was then adopted.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We the undersigned appointed to audit the accounts, etc., of Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D. D., and Mr. Chas. B. Opp, as Treasurers of the Ways and Means Committee of "The Lutheran" do hereby certify that we have examined the accounts and vouchers, etc., and find the same correct.

F. W. Weiskotten,
E. Aug. Miller,
Auditing Committee.

Phila., Nov. 1, 1897.

The English Recording Secretary read the

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE ENGLISH SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOOK.

The Convention of the General Council held at Easton, 1895, elected a new Church Book Committee, and at the same time resolved, That the members of the former Church Book Committee constitute the Special Committee on the English Sunday-school Book. In accordance with this unusual arrangement the members of the "former Church Book Committee," some of whom are members of the present Church Book Committee, were summoned, early in February of the present year, to examine the new Sunday-school Book, with music, an edition of which had been printed, in compliance with the resolution of the General Council, Easton, 1895, but in which a number of errors, both in the text and in the music, had been discovered. It was at once determined to enter upon a most careful revision of the whole book, and the members of the Committee not only held

several meetings, in the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, but individually, carefully examined every part of the book, and a competent sub-committee gave the musical part of it the most careful attention. After such a careful revision, the final proof was also read by the whole Committee, and it believes that the work is now as free from imperfections as the most careful examination could make it.

To meet the wishes of many, the Committee added a few short prayers to the collection already found in the book.

Although the former Church Book Committee was virtually discharged at Easton, 1895, by the appointment of a new Committee, the "former Church Committee," in submitting this report, respectfully asks for a formal discharge.

G. F. Krotel, Chairman.

The report was adopted and the Committee was discharged.

Rev. Dr. Seiss presented the

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the Church Book respectfully reports.

1. That it has had but one meeting since the last Convention of the General Council.

2. That it has appointed a Sub-Committee to report upon the proper order to be observed in the use of colors for the several seasons of the Church year; but that said Committee has not as yet reported.

3. That request has been made for certain changes in some particulars in the Church Book, and that the Committee asks for authority to consider and act on these requests, particularly in the revision of the Marriage Service and the rearrangement of some other portions, to conform them to what use has proved to be desirable.

Respectfuly submitted,

The Committee.

The report was adopted, and authority was given to make the changes.

ANNUAL ORGANISTS' CONVOCATION.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Schmauk,

Resolved, That the General Council would look with favor upon an annual convocation of the organists, choirmasters, and pastors of musical taste and ability, within the bounds of the Council, in order to present and discuss questions connected with the rendering of the Lutheran service and with Chuch music in general, that the same may be raised to a higher and more uniform standard, and that the musical treasures of our Church may be made more widely known.

2. That the General Council appoint a Committee of two clergymen and three organists, who shall have authority to carry the above resolutions into effect.

Committee—Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk, Prof. C. A. Marks, J. Boyd Duff, Esq., and Mr. Louis Van Gilluwe.

Rev. Dr. Geissinger, of the First Church, Pittsburgh, extended an invitation to hold this Convention in his Church, which invitation was referred to the Committee just appointed.

THE MATIN SERVICE AT GENERAL COUNCIL.

On motion of Rev. Chas. L. Fry,

Resolved, That the morning sessions of the Council be opened with the use of the Matin Service, and that this practice be commended to the Synods also.

Pending the report of the Nominating Committee, the Council adjourned, with prayer by Rev. D. W. Peterson, of Middle Village, New York.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 19th, 2:00 P. M.

Rev. G. A. Brandelle, of Denver, Col., led the devotional services; Hymn 389, John 10:1-11, prayer.

The morning Minutes were read and approved.

GERMAN CHURCH PAPER.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Nicum,

Resolved, That the Committee on a German Church Paper also consider the matter of extending its efforts to the Canada "Kirchenblatt."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee, appointed to make nominations for the various Boards of the General Council, begs leave to report the following :

I. Board of English Home Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Joseph A. Seiss.	S. P. Sadtler.
Samuel Laird.	E. Augustus Miller.
F. J. F. Schantz.	Jas. F. Wolfe.
S. A. Repass.	Henry Lehman.
O. P. Smith.	Alfred G. Saeger.
W. A. Passavant.	Henry Beates.
J. C. Kunzmann.	J. Martin Rommel.
	Julius A. Bohn.

Rev. J. E. Whitteker, Supt., *ex-officio*, Advisory.

II. Board of German Home Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Edw. F. Moldehnke.	Martin Wulff.
Fred'k W. Weiskotten.	Chas. D. Boschen.
J. J. Kuendig.	L. W. Kaufmann.
Geo. C. F. Haas.	J. Kuntz.
John J. Heischmann.	John Sutter.
Jacob W. Loch.	
Hugo W. Hoffmann.	
D. W. Peterson.	
E. Brennecke.	
C. G. Fischer.	
E. Hoffmann.	

III. Board of Swedish Home Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
P. J. Sward.	J. F. Helin.
E. A. Fogelstrom.	S. M. Hill.
F. N. Swanberg.	Gunnar Lindquist.
P. Sjoeblom.	A. P. Falk.
J. E. Rydback.	

IV. Board of Foreign Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Hugo Grahn.	William H. Staake,
J. L. Sibole.	J. Wash. Miller.
Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer.	Albert Oettinger.
Fred'k. W. Weiskotten.	Conrad Itter.
E. E. Sibole.	Joseph A. Bremer.
E. R. Cassaday.	Frederick Veit.
Carl A. Blomgren.	Henry S. Cassel.
E. H. Pohle.	Geo. W. March.

V. Board of Immigrant Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
A. Richter.	Wm. Hauff.
Geo. C. F. Haas.	Wm. A. Schmitthenner.
D. W. Peterson.	Chas. D. Boschen.
J. H. Beiderbecke.	L. F. J. Anger.
G. C. Berkemeier.	Martin Wulff.
	C. A. Peterson.

VI. Board of Publication.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Hugo Grahn.	S. P. Sadtler.
Fred'k W. Weiskotten.	Chas. B. Opp.
Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer.	James N. Mohr.
S. Addison Ziegenfuss.	James G. Finley.
Ernest R. Cassaday.	
J. L. Sibole.	

Committee on Sunday-School Work.

Matthias H. Richards.	Geo. W. Mechling.
Theo. E. Schmauk,	J. C. F. Rupp.
John E. Whitteker.	David H. Geissinger.
Revere F. Weidner.	Wm. K. Frick.
Fred. A. Kaehler.	Prof. R. F. Buehrle.
Geo. W. Sandt.	Martin Noyd.
Geo. C. F. Haas.	

Respectfully submitted by authority of the Committee,

S. E. Ochsenford, Chairman.

The several nominations were ratified. Tellers were demanded on the English Home Mission Board. Tellers: Revs. F. W. Oswald and J. E. Whitteker, and Messrs. Schimmelfeng and Kuntz.

Rev. Dr. Trabert presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DANISH WEST INDIES MISSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of Rev. R. Andersen, with regard to English work on the Danish West Indies , especially to look after the colored Lutherans who cannot, from force of circumstances, be adequately supplied with the Gospel, in the English language, by the Danish pastors, on account of the brief period said pastors generally remain on the Islands, respectfully submits the following:

Whereas, It appears from the letter placed in our hands that the Danish Pastors in the Danish West Indies (St. Thomas, St. John's, and St. Croix) are unable adequately to care for the spiritual wants of the English-speaking Lutherans on said islands, therefore

Resolved 1. That the English Corresponding Secretary be requested to correspond with the Danish Church authorities having jurisdiction on those islands in order to ascertain whether or not it would be agreeable to such authorities that this Body should undertake the spiritual care of Lutherans using the English language on said islands.

2. That in case the response be favorable the matter be referred to the English Home Mission Board with instructions to ascertain the real condition of the English-speaking Lutherans on the Danish West India Islands, and make such provision for their spiritual care as the Board may find necessary and expedient.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. Trabert,
G. W. Mechling,
L. A. Johnston,
H. L. McMurray,
L. Holmes,
H. L. Hungerford,
C. J. Schultz.

The report, with its recommendations, was adopted.

Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth read the

REPORT ON JEWISH MISSIONS.

Your Committee would respectfully report:

1. That a petition signed by six pastors from New York, was handed in. This petition requests the General Council to undertake a Mission among the Jews of New York City.

2. A similar petition, signed by twenty members of this Convention, requests the General Council to further the Jewish Mission Work in Chicago, by making it its own and identifying itself with it.

After carefully considering these papers, your Committee would recommend:

I. That the General Council recognizes the fact that the time has come to do earnest evangelistic work among the Israelites of our land.

II. That the General Council recognizes the good work done by the Jewish Mission in Chicago, and recommends that the different Synods urge their pastors to preach on this important subject in all their churches, commend it to the prayers of their people, and take up offerings for the Chicago Mission.

III. That the General Council is not ready at present to begin a special mission among the Jews of New York.

IV. That a Committee be appointed to correspond with other Lutheran bodies for the purpose of unifying the work of the Lutheran Church among the Jews, and thus preparing for more aggressive evangelistic work among this Ancient Covenant people in our great city.

H. W. Roth,
G. H. Gerberding,
F. W. Oswald,
Olof Sohlbeeg,
Thos. W. Saeger,
A. J. D. Wedemeyer,
S. G. Ohman.

The report, with its recommendations, was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Nicum presented the report of the

Report of Committee on Statistics.

Your Committee on Statistics begs leave to present the following report on the Statistics of the Synods, the Educational and Benevolent Institutions of the General Council, embracing the years 1896 and 1897:

The statistics for the year 1896, gathered by one of the members of this Committee, present the following summary: 8 Synods, 1,153 Ministers, 1,900 Congregations, and 328,622 Communicant Members; 463 Parochial Schools, 595 Teachers, and 23,461 pupils; 1,492 Sunday-Schools, 20,621 Officers and Teachers, and 189,036 Scholars. The benevolent offerings of the congregations amounted to $265,214.35. There were maintained within the General Council, 3 Theological Seminaries, 8 Colleges, 4 Academies, and 35 Benevolent Institutions. The statistics for the present year, as given in detail in this report, present the following summary: 9 Synods, 1,176 Ministers, 2,003 Congregations, and 339,876 Communicant Members; 464 Parochial Schools, 608 Teachers, and 23,040 pupils; 1,822 Sunday-Schools, 21,518 Officers and Teachers, and 198,897 Scholars. The benevolent offerings of the congregations amount to $267,-071.85. The number of Educational and Benevolent Institutions remains the same as last year. These institutions have property valued at $2,761,300.00; endowment amounting to $503,978; volumes in libraries numbering 69,800; number of professors, 142; number of students, 2,223; and number of inmates in benevolent instutions, 23,963.

The following increase since the last convention deserves to be noted: 1 Synod, 89 Ministers, 225 Congregations, and 15,446 Members; 25 Parochial Schools, and 1,148 (decrease in Augustana Synod) Pupils; 369 Sunday-schools, and 18,267 Scholars.

General Council Statistics of 1897.

I. SYNODS.

No.	NAME.	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicant Members.	Parochial Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Benevolent Offerings.
1	Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	324	500	123,470	18	24	1,240	489	8,906	83,207	$ 107,549.04
2	Ministerium of New York	1773	152	159	49,336	56	73	3,447	165	3,596	36,571	34,232.29
3	Pittsburgh Synod	1845	142	220	25,388	.....	.....	.....	183	1,775	18,742	19,989.26
4	District Synod of Ohio	1857	33	63	9,534	.....	.....	.....	50	556	5,730	3,038.00
5	Augustana Synod	1860	438	847	110,430	353	466	17,056	800	5,546	44,365	93,461.20
6	Canada Synod	1861	44	108	12,520	35	42	1,187	72	571	4,919	3,653.71
7	Chicago Synod	1871	24	41	4,033	.....	.....	.....	35	412	3,589	4,513.27
8	English Synod of the Northwest	1891	13	13	1,165	.....	.....	.....	13	131	1,274	585.08
9	Manitoba (German) Synod	1897	6	52	3,000	3	3	110	15	25	500	50.00
	Total	.....	1,176	2,003	339,876	464	608	23,040	1,822	21,518	198,897	$267,071.85

II. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

Name.	Founded.	Location.	President.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	Volumes in Library.	Professors.	Students.
Augustana	1860	Rock Island, Ill.	O. Olsson, D. D.	(1)	(1)	(1)	4	62
Chicago	1891	Chicago, Ill.	R. F. Weidner, D. D., LL. D.	50,000	(2)	1,000	9	70
Philadelphia	1864	Philadelphia, Pa.	H. E Jacobs, D, D., LL. D.	130,000	189,978	23,000	5	92
3 Total	.....	.....	.....	180,000	189,978	24,000	18	224

III. COLLEGES.

Name.	Founded.	Location.	President.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	Volumes in Library.	Professors.	Students.
Augustana	1860	Rock Island, Ill	O. Olsson, Ph. D., D. D.	$225,000	$30,000	15,000	27	472
Bethany	1882	Lindsborg, Kansas	Rev. C. A. Swensson, Ph. D.	125,000	(2)	5,000	22	427
Gustavus Adolphus	1862	St. Peter, Minn	Rev. M. Walstrom, Ph. D.	75,000	(2)	9,000	15	227
Muhlenberg	1867	Allentown, Pa	Theo. L. Seip, D. D.	100,000	148,000	10,000	11	146
Thiel	1870	Greenville, Pa	T. B. Roth, D. D.	60,000	70,000	5,000	13	157
Wagner	1883	Rochester, N. Y	J. Nicum, D. D.	40,000	(2)	800	5	40
6 Total				$625,000	$248,000	44,800	99	1,491

IV. ACADEMIES.

Name.	Founded.	Location.	President.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	Volumes in Library.	Professors.	Students.
Greensburg Semin'ry	1874	Greensburg, Pa	Rev. W. M. Swingle, Ph. D.	35,000	(2)	(3)	12	350
Luther Academy	1883	Wahoo, Neb	Prof. S. M. Hill	28,000	(2)	1,000	7	68
Upsala	1893	Brooklyn, N. Y	Rev. L. H. Beck, Ph. D.	3,000	(2)	(3)	6	90
3 Total				$66,000		1,000	25	508

(1) Reported under Colleges. (2) No Endowment. (3) No Report furnished.

V. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS—ORPHANS' HOMES.

Name.	Founded.	Location.	Superintendent.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	No. of Inmates.
Ev. Luth. Orphans' Home	1859	Germantown, Pa	Rev. Geo. Ph. Mueller	$60,000	$65,000	74
Ev. Luth. Orphans' Home and Farm School	1853	Zelienople, Pa	Rev. J. Kribbs	50,000	(2)	71
Home for Boys	1864	Sulphur Springs, N. Y.	Rev. H. Merz	50,000	11,000	46
Home for Girls	1864	Buffalo, N. Y.				77
Orphans' Home, Swedish	1865	Vasa, Minn	Mr. J. A. Hultgren	17,750	(2)	56
Orphans' Home, Swedish	1867	Andover, Ill	Mr. A. Lincoln	15,000	(2)	40
Orphans' Home, Swedish	1880	Mariedahl, Kan	Mr. B. Berg	13,000	(2)	34
Orphans' Home, Swedish	1881	Stanton, Ia	Mr. C. G. Lind	16,550	(2)	37
Orphans' Home, Swedish	1891	Joliet, Ill	Miss Frida Shelander	16,000	(2)	22
Topton Orphans' Home	1896	Topton, Pa	Rev. U. P. Heilman	25,000	(2)	4
Wartburg Orphans' Home and Farm School	1866	Mt. Vernon, N. Y	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier	150,000	(2)	171
Gustavus Adolphus	1885	Jamestown, N. Y	Mr. J. Swensson	60,000	(2)	62
12 Total				$473,300	$76,000	694

Name.	Founded.	Location.	Superintendent.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	No. of Inmates.
Aged, Asylum for	1859	Germantown, Pa	Rev. Geo. Ph. Mueller	$20,000	(2)	39
Aged, Home for	1896	Buffalo, N. Y	Miss Louise Kaehler	.....	...	.....
Mary J. Drexel Home	1886	Philadelphia, Pa	Mr. John D. Lankenan, Pres. Rev. C. Goedel, Pastor.	600,000	(2)	
Children's Hospital	1889					354
Deaconess Home	1888					54
German Hospital	1860					2,628
Girls' School	1890					46
Home for Aged	1889					38
Little Children's School	1893					50
Parish Work	1890					2
Easton Hospital	1891					727
Deaconess Motherhouse, Immanuel	1890	Monmouth Park, Omaha, Neb.	Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom	10,000	(2)	26
Deaconess Motherhouse	1884	Chicago, Ill	Miss Christine Blomquist.	(3)	(2)	9
Deaconess Motherhouse	1863	Milwaukee, Wis	Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus. D.	(3)	(3)	21
Hospital, Passavant Memorial	1872	Jacksonville, Ill	Rev. W. A. Passavant	100,000	(2)	187
Hospital, Augustana	1884	Chicago, Ill	Miss Christine Blomquist.	127,000	(2)	187
Hospital, Bethsada	1880	St. Paul, Minn	Rev. C. A. Hultkrans	40,000	(2)	400
Hospital, Passavant Memorial	1885	Chicago, Ill	Rev. W. A. Passavant	60,000	(2)	482
Hospital, Immanuel	1890	Omaha, Neb	Rev. E. A. Foglestrom	40,000	(2)	198
Hospital, Milwaukee	1863	Milwaukee, Wis	Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus. D.	200,000	(2)	344
Hospital, Passavant	1849	Pittsburgh, Pa	Rev. W. A. Passavant	70,000	(3)	105
Immigrant Mission	1873	26 State Street, New York	Rev. W. Berkemeier	150,000	(2)	15,000
Immigrant Mission, Swedish	.....	5 Water Street, New York	Mr. E. Bingberg	(3)	(3)	1,893
Immigrant Mission, Swedish	.....	Boston, Mass	Rev. C. F. Johanson	(3)	(3)	(3)
23 Total	.....	.....	.....	$1417,000		23,269

J. NICUM, S. E. OCHSENFORD, T. H. DIEHL, Committee.

It was received and ordered to be spread on the Minutes, and the Committee was reappointed.

Rev. Dr. Laird presented the

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees respectfully report the following items:

At the last meeting of the Council instructions were given to the Publication Board to furnish our publications, especially the English Church Book and Sunday-school Book, to the Publication House of the United Norwegian Church, for the use of their congregations, at the lowest discount possible, and referred to our Publication Board in conjunction with the Trustees, for action. This matter has been attended to, and prices fixed in accordance with the instructions of the Council.

The securities in the hands of the Treasurer, held in trust for the Board of Foreign Missions, remain the same as at our last report.

The litigation in the case of the estate of Benjamin Keck, previously reported, has resulted unfavorably in the lower court, involving a loss of the legacy left for Foreign Missions. The case, however, has been appealed to the Supreme Court, by those defending the will, and is pending there.

The Board of Publication has taken out copyrights for the English Sunday-school Book with Music, and the English Sunday-school Book without Music, and holds the same, subject to the order of the Trustees. The Trustees have ordered that these certificates of copyright be placed in the charge of the Archivarius of the Council.

The bond of the Treasurer for three thousand dollars, conditioned on the faithful performance of his duties, is continued.

Six Trustees are to be elected at this Convention; three to serve for two years, in place of E. Augustus Miller, Esq., Mr. W. F. Monroe, and Mr. Henry Lehman, and three to serve for three years, in place of Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., LL. D., William H. Staake, Esq., and the Hon. J. A. Geissenhainer. At least five of those elected must be laymen.

On behalf of the Trustees,

SAMUEL LAIRD, Secretary.

The report was adopted.

The Minutes of 1895, page 55, under "General Council Publications," should state more clearly that the Board and the Trustees were authorized and instructed to fix a scale of prices for books sold to the "United Norwegian Church."

The Council elected as Trustees:

For Two Years.	*For Three Years.*
Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss,	E. A. Miller, Esq.,
W. H. Staake, Esq.,	Wm. F. Monroe,
Hon. J. A. Geissenhainer.	Henry Lehman.

Rev. Dr. Spaeth read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEACONESSES.

At the last Convention of the General Council the hope was expressed that the different Motherhouses of Deaconesses in our Lutheran Church in this country might be induced to form a Conference of Lutheran Deaconess Houses in the United States of America. It is a matter of special gratification to us that we are able to report at this meeting of the General Council, that this hope has been realized during the past year. In the month of February, 1896, a call was issued by a Committee of the Philadelphia Motherhouse, inviting the co-operation of the different Houses towards the desired end. The following points were presented in this call:

1. That all the different Lutheran Deaconess Houses in the United States should unite on certain clearly defined principles concerning the work of the Female Diaconate, leaving the different institutions at liberty as to minor details.

2. That representatives of the different Motherhouses should meet in annual conference, to exchange opinions and experiences, and to encourage each other and instruct each other for the advancement of the common cause.

3. That on the common ground which unites our Lutheran Houses, we should take a decided stand with reference to other organizations that are at work in this country under the name of the Female Diaconate.

4. That we agree on certain rules which, for our own mutual protection, are to regulate the admission of such persons as may have withdrawn from one of our acknowledged Motherhouses.

With the exception of the Brooklyn House, this call was favorably considered by all the houses, and on September 16th

to 18th, 1896, representatives from Philadelphia, Omaha, Baltimore, and Milwaukee met at the Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses, to organize and hold the first annual Conference of Deaconesses Houses in the United States, the Minneapolis House having, at the last moment, found it inexpedient to send delegates, but furnishing complete statistics of its work.

The Conference considered and discussed a number of carefully prepared papers on the following subjects:

1. The Principles of the Female Diaconate.
2. The organization of the prominent Motherhouses in Germany.
3. The Female Diaconate in America outside of the Lutheran Church.
4. The relation of Christian Bodies to the Deaconess Work, and the popular prejudices and objections against it.
5. Parish Deaconess Work in America.

The Conference did not commit itself to the subjective views of the different writers; and it was understood from the very outset that it should not be a legislative, but a purely deliberative body. But the discussions disclosed a remarkable unanimity of sentiment, and it was a cause for devout thanksgiving to God to find that the Conference was practically a unit as regards the principles that must underlie and permeate the work to insure its healthy development.

Through the liberality of Mr. J. D. Lankenau, the proceedings of the Conference were published in a neat pamphlet of 39 pages, for gratuitous distribution among the friends of the cause. The next meeting of the Conference will be held in Milwaukee, October 21, 1897.

Several thousand copies of the report of your committee, which was laid before the last convention of the General Council, were also published by Mr. Lankenau for free distribution among the different Motherhouses.

The statistics of the different Motherhouses at present are as follows:

1. Philadelphia Motherhouse.

REV. K. GOEDEL, Pastor.

Number of Sisters, 54; among them 29 consecrated Deaconesses. There are 14 applicants on the list for the course of training beginning on October 13th. The different stations served by these Sisters are the following:

A. The Old People's Home, with 38 inmates.

B. The Children's Hospital. Three hundred and fifty four children were treated in 11,004 nursing days. In the dispensary there were 6,664 cases. More than half of the children are treated free of charge. For the boys dismissed from the Hospital, a night school is established, with a library for their instruction and entertainment.

C. The Girls' School, established in 1890, aims to give to our daughters a good German-English education, in the spirit of our Lutheran Church. Last year it was attended by 46 scholars. For daughters of Lutheran clergymen there are five places in the school reserved at half rates.

D. The Infants' School, where about 50 little ones are taught Bible passages, hymns, sacred history, and other useful things.

E. The German Hospital, the first and principal out-station, which requires the service of at least 25 Sisters and a number of assistants. There were 2,628 patients and 30,938 clinical cases treated in the hospital during the past year.

F. Parish work was done in two German congregations in Philadelphia, consisting chiefly in the visitation of the sick and poor.

G. The Easton Hospital, in charge of three Philadelphia Sisters, treated 203 patients in 5,618 nursing days, and 524 in the dispensary.

H. The Lutheran St. John's Home for Old People in Allegheny, Pa., with about 12 inmates.

I. The General St. John's Hospital in Allegheny, Pa., opened in May, 1896, under the care of four Philadelphia Sisters, where 300 patients were treated in 4,842 nursing days.

A very full report of the work of this Motherhouse, with handsome illustrations is contained in the annual of 1897, which is published for free distribution.

2. The Swedish Motherhouse of Deaconesses in Omaha, Neb.

REV. E. A. FOGELSTROM, Pastor.

The whole number of Sisters, including probationers, is at present 27: 9 Deaconesses, 9 Help-Sisters, and 9 Probationers. Most of these Sisters are engaged in the Immanuel Hospital in Omaha. The outside stations are as follows: Bethesda Hospital, in St. Paul, 6; Parish work in Sioux City, Iowa, 1; and in Minneapolis, 2; the Children's Home in Joliet, 2; and Private Hospital in Wakefield, Neb., 1.

3. The Deaconess Motherhouse in Milwaukee, Wis.

REV. J. F. OHL, Rector.

The present number of Sisters, including all probationers, is 25; among them 7 Deaconesses. For the first time in the history of the House the "Deaconess School" was completely organized during the past year, and the course of instruction could be given without interruption. This was made possible by securing as "Probemeisterin" from the Philadelphia Motherhouse the services of Sister Magdalena Steinmann, whose abilities and experience as a teacher eminently qualify her for this responsible position.

The hospital in connection with the Motherhouse is the chief field of labor for the Sisters, 16 on an average being stationed there. During the whole of the past year 3 Sisters have been stationed at the Passavant Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Ill., and 3 at the Passavant Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. On the first of July the Passavant Memorial Homes for Epileptics, at Rochester, Pa., became a station of the Motherhouse, with 2 Sisters. The "Annals of the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses" furnish detailed reports of the work of this house. Through the kindness of Mr. Geo. Brumder the excellent treatise of F. Meyer "Von den Diakonissen und ihrem Beruf", in an English translation by Miss Emma Endlich, was published for this house free of expense.

4. The Baltimore Motherhouse and Training School.

REV. FRANK P. MANHART, Pastor.

This institution is in charge of the Deaconess Board of the General Synod. Its present numbers are 7 Deaconesses, 7

Probationers, and 4 Candidates. At present there is no hospital connected with this house; but it is expected that a hospital will be opened in the near future. Women that are sent by congregations to be trained for Deaconess work, and such as intend to become foreign missionaries, are received into this house without becoming regular members, for the training given to Candidates and Probationers, on the payment of $125 per year. The emphasis is laid by this house upon Deaconess work in the parish.

5. The Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Institution in Minneapolis.

Rev. S. R. Tollefson, Pastor.

The statistics of this House for the past year are as follows: Number of Deaconesses, 9; Probationers, 20; students, 14. The Sisters are stationed as follows: Hospital, Grand Forks, N. Dak., 4; Hospital, Hillsboro, N. Dak., 2; Hospital, Fargo, N. Dak., 1; Hospital, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., 2; Hospital, Austin, Minn., 2; Hospital, Albert Lea, Minn.,1; Children's Home, Beloit, Iowa, 5; Children's Home, Paulsbo, Wash., 1; Ladies' Society, Hillsboro, N. Dak., for Parish work, 1; Port Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y., 1; Mission Field, Madagascar, for cast-out children, 1. The remaining Sisters are engaged in the Motherhouse, which has room for 30 patients. During the year it cared for 270 patients in 7,159 nursing days. The property of this institution has been increased by purchasing an additional lot, with house, which is now used as a dormitory.

6. The Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Home and Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. M. H. Hegge, Chaplain.

The number of Sisters is 13, of whom 5 are Consecrated Deaconesses, 2,206 patients were treated in the Hospital in 18,583 nursing days; 1,725 house visits were paid.

7. The Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Home in Chicago.

Sister Anna Tofte.

Has 4 Sisters, among them 1 Consecrated Deaconess.

Summing up, we find that the number of women, either actively engaged in this work or in course of training for it, is at present 198.

The Houses mentioned in our report are so well distributed over our territory, and so well represent our different nationalities, that for the present, it would seem, no additional houses are desirable. What we need now, is not so much multiplication as concentration. Our forces ought to be united to build up a few strong houses rather than many weak ones. Only in this manner it seems to us to be possible to preserve the fundamental principles and rich experience of the European Motherhouses and to apply them successfully to our American surroundings.

If this great and sacred cause is to be permanent and successful in the Lutheran Church in America, it is absolutely necessary that our pastors should become more familiar with the true character of the work, and take a deeper interest in it, so that its truly evangelical character may be shown, current prejudices removed, and Christian women may be induced to devote themselves to this cause. The leaders of Motherhouses will always be glad to furnish our pastors and applicants with the necessary information and literature on the subject in the different languages. Respectfully submitted,

The Committee,

A. Spaeth, Chairman.

Dr. Spaeth was given permission to make some slight corrections in the statistics. The report was then adopted, and the Committee was reappointed, with the addition of Dr. S. P. A. Lindahl. The corrections are incorporated above.

Dr. Spaeth presented the

REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

After careful examination of the report read by the President, and the papers which accompanied it, a conference was held between your Committee and the President, and a modified form, in which his report was to go on our printed Minutes, was agreed upon, to the perfect satisfaction of the President and all the members of your Committee. In consequence of this agreement, there are only a few items which require the action of the General Council.

Dismission of the Texas Synod.

It appears that on May 1, 1894, a courteous communication was addressed by the President to the Texas Synod to the President of the General Council, asking for the dismission of the Synod of Texas, as it intended to unite with the Synod of Iowa. The paper expressed the "hearty and deep-felt" gratitude of the Synod of Texas for the kind sympathy and assistance received from the General Council through so many years, and promises that, in a spirit of fraternal communion, the Texas Synod would continue to do its share in our works of charity, such as Foreign Missions, Immigrant Missions, etc. Through some misunderstanding this communication has never received a formal response from this Body. We therefore propose the following action:

Resolved, That the request of the Texas Synod be granted by this General Council with the hope and prayer, that, by the blessing of the Lord this step may result in the prosperous development of the Synod of Texas, and the building up of our Lutheran Zion in this country, trusting that, though no longer in organic connection with this Body, the Texas Brethren will continue to be one with us in the same confession, and co-operate with us in our works of mercy.

Complaint of the District Synod of Ohio against the Pittsburgh Synod.

A conference was arranged between the delegations of the two Synods in the presence of representatives of your Committee on the President's report, to ascertain the exact state of the difficulty, and, if possible, to reach an amicable settlement. Both sides stated their case in a frank and fraternal spirit, and as it was found that the official report of the President of the Pittsburgh Synod to the last Convention of that Body, and the subsequent action of that Synod removed the immediate occasion for complaint of the District Synod of Ohio, the delegation of the latter Synod agreed to withdraw the complaint, Nothing, therefore, remains for the General Council to do in this matter but to express its hope and expectation that the two sister Synods will succeed in settling these territorial questions in an amicable manner and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the General Council, and the compact existing between them since 1873, by which the ultimate boundary line between the two Synods is to be the state line between Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Christian Education.

We recommend that he forcible and timely words spoken by our President on this important subject receive the full and hearty endorsement of the General Council.

Respectfuly submitted,

A. SPAETH, Chairman.

The Presidents of the several Synods furnished the following abstracts, which were ordered to be spread on the Minutes:

ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

I. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

The Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States held its 149th annual convention from May 28th to June 3d, 1896, in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa., the Rev. S. A. Repass, D. D., pastor; and its 150th annual convention from June 10th to 15th, 1897, in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa., the Rev. C. L. Fry, pastor.

Since the last Convention of the General Council, an unusually large number of ministers belonging to the Ministerium died,—15 in all; 24 were honorably dismissed to other Synods of the General Council; 4 withdrew to unite with other Lutheran Synods; 16 were received from other Synods, and 34 candidates were ordained to the office of the ministry. The Ministerium now has on its roll 324 ministers; 500 congregations, with 123,470 confirmed members. It has 18 parochial schools, with 1,240 pupils. Its Sunday-schools number 489, with 8,906 officers and teachers, and 83,207 scholars.

The contributions during the past year for congregational purposes, were $575,472.93; for Synodical and charitable purposes, apportioned and unapportioned, $107,549.04; a total of $683,021.97. The Ministerium aided 47 students during the past year in their preparation for the ministry, and 53 missions on its own territory, in connection with which the missionaries supply 23 preaching points, making in all 76 places where the gospel is preached by its missionaries within the bounds of the Ministerium. The Ministerium contributed during the past year for its beneficiary students in the Theological Seminary and

Muhlenburg College, $5,169.75; for its Synodical Missions, $12,-481.98; for the Theological Seminary, $10,275.25; for Muhlenburg College, $11,391.81; for the Orphans' Home, $17,291.74; for the General Council's English Home Missions, $10,021.16; for the General Council's German Home Missions, $1,557.45; for Church Extension, $2,726.82, and for Foreign Missions, $7,242.03.

The institutions of the Ministerium, by the blessing of God, are in a prosperous condition, and are successfully prosecuting the work for which they have been founded. According to the report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, to the Ministerium, May 29, 1896, the following donations and bequests were received during the preceding year: $30,000 from Miss Elizabeth Schaeffer for the erection of dwellings for the professors; $950 as a legacy from the late Dr. John Rommel, Jr.; $4,500 from the estate of Mr. Samuel Lentz, all of Philadelphia; $53,553, proceeds of bequests from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Singmaster, of Stroudsburg, Pa. Since then the Seminary has received a legacy of $10,000 from the estate of Mr. Isaac Fegely, late of Pottstown, Pa.; a bequest of $2,200 from the estate of Mr. C. Kuhns, late of Lehigh county, Pa., and one of $1,100 from Miss Marianne Feirerenbush, of Canada; in all $102,303 during the past two Synodical years. Two additional bequests have been reported, amounting to $10,000, but are not yet in the hands of the Treasurer. The present endowment fund, paid in, amounts to about $190,000. The Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer has offered to build a Church on the grounds of the Seminary for the daily worship and public exercises of the institution, and also for the use of the Church of the Ascension. The Church is to be known as the "Schaeffer-Ashmead Memorial," in honor of his parents, the late chairman of the faculty and professor for thirty-two years, the Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., LL. D., and his wife, E. Ashmead Schaeffer.

The grounds and buildings have been improved and beautified, and the entire property put in excellent condition. The most pressing need of the Seminary, at present, is a new library building for the safe-keeping of its valuable library. The number of students last year was 92.

Muhlenberg College, which is the chief feeder of the Theological Seminary, has continued to prosper during the past two years under the Divine blessing. It has just entered upon its most successful year, as regards the attendance of students, the registration being the highest in its history for the college classes —110. Of this number 104 are pursuing the regular classical course for A. B. The institution is open only to males. Owing to the increasing number of students and the addition of a scientific course for the degree of B. S., the authorities are embarrassed for room to accommodate the students, and to furnish space for the laboratories of the Scientific Department. It is hoped that the effort to secure a Jubilee offering in honor of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Ministerium, may result in awakening such an interest in the educational work of the Synod, on the part of wealthy members, as will lead some of them to furnish the means for the erection of new and suitable buildings for the college. During the past two years two legacies have been received, one of $10,000 from the estate of Isaac Fegely, late of Pottstown, Pa., and the other a house and lot in Mauch Chunk, Pa., from the late Dr. Jacob Bowman. The endowment fund, paid in, amounts to about $148,000. A bequest of $5,000 has been reported during the past year, but has not yet been paid. The buildings have been repainted and repaired, and the grounds and property are kept in good condition. In consequence of the death of the lamented Dr. D. Garber, Professor of Mathematics in the college over a quarter of a century, Dr. Bauman was transferred to this chair, and Prof. Philip Dowell, Ph. B., (Yale), of Upsala College, Brooklyn, N. Y., was appointed Professor of Natural and Applied Sciences, including Biology. He has successfully entered upon his work.

The Orphans' Home and Asylum, at Germantown, Pa., is in a flourishing condition. During the past year it erected a new addition to the Home, which was solemnly consecrated on June 4, 1897. The building is of brick, three stories high, measures 71 feet by 92 feet six inches, and has an H 47 feet 6 inches by 45 feet. A separate heating plant, with laundry room and conveniences, was provided, "thus removing the heavy fires from all the buildings, and strengthening the insurances."

The Mary J. Drexel Home for Deaconesses successfully continues the blessed work for which it was founded. The sisterhood now embraces 54, to-wit: 29 consecrated Deaconesses, and 25 probationers. The work in the Home and in outside stations is increasing, and deserves the hearty support of all good men.

The Ministerium has entered upon its celebration of the 150th anniversary of its organization, and has resolved to raise a Jubilee offering of $150,000, in honor of the occasion, chiefly for the purpose of strengthening its educational work. The celebration proper will be held at the next annual convention, beginning on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1898, in Zion's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia.

THEODORE L. SEIP, President.

II. The Ministerium of New York.

The New York Ministerium held two meetings since the last meeting of the General Council, the first, June 11-16, 1896, in Zion's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, pastor; the other, June 24-29, 1897, Middle Village, L. I., Rev. D. W. Peterson, pastor.

There are now on the roll of the Synod 153 Ministers, serving 159 congregations, of which 123 are in official connection with the Synod. The entire number of communicants under the care of Synodical pastors is 49,366. The Sunday-schools number 165, with 3,596 teachers and 36,571 pupils. The parochial schools of all kinds are 80 in number, the teachers active in them, including pastors who teach, 124, the pupils 4,474.

During the past year the contributions for specifically Synodical purposes amounted to $10,174.63; for all Church and Benevolent purposes, exclusive of moneys expended for congregational purposes, $34,232.29; for all Congregational Purposes, $351,789.07. The Executive Committee of the Synod gave financial aid to 10 Mission congregations and to 18 young men preparing for the gospel ministry.

Wagner College was attended by 33 students during the past year. Total expenses of the institution during the last year were $6,044.90. Rev. J. Nicum, D.D., is director.

The Synod had a doctrinal discussion on Art. III. of the Formula of Concord.

With October 1, 1898, a new law pertaining to congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the State of New York took effect. The new law was explained and recommended by the Law Committee of the Synod, and with forms of incorporation was printed as an appendix to the Minutes of 1896.

"The Lutheran" was recommended in the two presidential reports. Our Synodical organ, the "Lutherische Herold," has been successfully established and become an important factor in our Synodical life.

Our nominee for the German professorship in the Seminary at Mt. Airy not having been accepted by the Pennsylvania Synod, we declined to nominate at present another person for the place.

Six German Missions and one English Mission were established during the past two years.

The President's report directed the attention of Synod to the fact that the Presidents of Synod and Conferences had and have trouble in providing places for the numerous applicants, because there are considerably more unemployed pastors and candidates than vacant congregations, which has caused a great deal of annoyance and much disappointment. Synod instructed the President to publish in "Luthardt's Kirchenzeitung," of Leipzig, a statement of the true facts, and at the same time to warn misinformed German theological students and candidates to come to America expecting to find plenty of vacant congregations anxiously waiting for them.

A. Richter, President.

III. The Pittsburgh Synod.

The Pittsburgh Synod has held two meetings since the last Convention of the General Council,—at Altoona, August 25th to 31st, 1896, and at Rochester, August 25th to 31st, 1897.

The statistics of the Synod are as follows: Ministers, 142; Congregations, 220; Members, 25,386; Confirmations, 1,502; Received by Letter, 849; Catechumens, 1,446; Sunday-school Teachers, 1,775; Scholars, 18,742.

Contributions,—Synodical Treasury, $19,053.13; Ministerial Relief, $657.99; General Council Home Missions, $3,264.05; Church Extension, $1,516.33; Orphan Work, $1,676.90; Foreign Missions, $1,679.52. Total Contributions, $379,393.83.

The number of Missions supported last year was 26, with a membership of 2,243, the increase being in excess of the losses 545.

Nineteen young men were aided in preparation for the ministry by an outlay of $2,575.

Five deaths have occurred in our ministerial ranks since last meeting of the General Council, three of these including old veterans in the work, who had long since reached the evening of their day and were waiting for their blessed rest to come—Rev. Drs. Wenzel, Gilbert and Cossman. The other two were in the prime and vigor of life when the summons came—Revs. P. Glasow and J. P. Hansen.

The following matters are addressed to and concern the General Council:

1. Synod approved the principle of unification in our Home Mission work, and passed this resolution:

Resolved, That the Pittsburgh Synod will transfer its mission work into the hands of the General Council as soon as practicable.

2. In reference to Sunday-school work Synod

Resolved, That the General Council be asked to supply German Sunday-school Literature.

3. Conflict in mission work.

In this matter the subjoined paper was approved and its recommendations adopted:

From correspondence placed in our hands, we learn that the president of our Pittsburgh Synod has insisted upon a conference touching missionary interference within the territory of the Synod, in accordance with the solemn compact existing between the General Conference and the Pittsburgh Synod on the other part, Our President, on the part of the General Council, with this end in view, appointed a committee and asked the General Synod authorities to appoint a similar committee to meet with it in order to investigate and, if possible, to adjust certain matters.

While such a meeting was promised, it has not yet been arranged for. This delay, in view of the continued interference complained of, appears to be a flagrant inconsistency with the spirit of the solemn compact existing between the two general bodies.

We would, therefore, respectfully ask the General Council to take such action as may in its wisdom seem appropriate in view of the circumstances and in harmony with this compact.

A. L. Yount, President.

IV. District Synod of Ohio.

The 40th Annual Convention of this body was held in Versailles, O., June 4th to 8th, 1896, 29 Ministerial and 16 Lay-delegates being in attendance. During the year one pastor had been dismissed to another Lutheran body, three young men were ordained, and two congregations were organized and received at this Convention.

The statistical tables show: Infant baptisms, 426; adult baptisms, 53; confirmations, 381; received from Lutheran congregations, 196; from other churches, 20; restorations, 5; losses by death, 106; by certificate and removal, 136; by exclusion, 18; marriages, 175; funerals, 354.

Contributions to current expenses, $25,609.80; special expenses, $6,126.46; Foreign Missions, $214.16; Home Missions, $398.71; Church extension, $141.70; Synodical Treasury, $1,356.72; charitable objects, $636.45.

Sunday-school and Church societies, 102; membership, 5,685; contributions for missions, $349.16; for charitable objects, $130.58; for local objects, $3,323.88.

The Synod aided in supporting five missions, at an expense of $1,075.00, and six students at an expense of $805.00.

The 41st Convention was held at Roseville, O., from June 17th to 21st, 1897, 24 Ministers and 20 Lay-delegates being in attendance. During the year five pastors were dismissed to other Lutheran Synods, one received at this Convention, two young men were ordained and two were dropped from the roll.

The Synod at present consists of 33 Ministers, serving 63 Congregations, with 9,534 confirmed members, 350 confirmations, 556 Sunday-school teachers, and 5,730 Sunday-school scholars.

Contributions to the Synodical Treasury $2,178.00; to Home Missions, $410.00; to Ministerial Relief, $185.00; to Foreign Missions, $125.00; and to Church Extension $140.00.

The Synod aided five missions within its bounds and supported four students. Rev. G. W. Mechling was re-elected Synod's representative on the General Council Committee on Sunday-school Work.

The 42d Annual Convention will be held in St. Matthew's Church, Toledo, O., Rev. H. Peters, pastor, beginning on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1898.

J. H. Smith, President.

V. The Augustana Synod.

Since the last meeting of the General Council, the Augustana Synod has held two conventions, one at Omaha, Neb., June 4th to 12th, 1896; the other at Rock Island, Ill., June 4th to 11th, 1897. The convention at Rock Island was the Thirty-eighth Annual Meeting. Dr. P. J. Sward was re-elected President for two years. The other officers were also re-elected, namely: Dr. M. C. Ranseen, Vice President; Rev. Theodor Kjellgren, Secretary, and Mr. C. G. Thulin, Treasurer; and the undersigned was elected Vice President pro tem., or Acting President on account of the absence of both the President and Vice President.

The President, Dr. Sward, was by a special resolution appointed to represent the Synod at the Jubilee of King Oscar II, September 18th, 1897, and at the same time present to His Majesty a congratulatory address from Augustana College and Theological Seminary at Rock Island, Ill.

According to the annual reports of the President three pastors have departed this life, two have been deposed, four have left the ministry and entered other professions, and two have been dismissed to other Lutheran Synods. The Ministerial roll numbers at present, according to the minutes of 1897: 438 Ministers. Of these 23 were ordained at Omaha and 22 at Rock Island. The congregations number 847; the Church buildings, 676; parsonages, 302; the communicants, 110,430; and the whole membership, 187,314. Children baptized last year, 11,348; and the year before, 10,353; confirmed in the years 1895 and 1896, 9,363. The Sunday-school children number 44,368, and the parochial school children 17,076; but the latter schools are usually held in the summer.

The contributions last year were the following: for education, $27,905; Home Missions, $25,460; Foreign Missions, $5,-269; charitable work, $34,824, and regular expenses, $710,422.

There are five educational institutions in the Augustana Synod. The students numbered last year 1,256, and the professors 76. The attendance at Augustana College and Theological Seminary was 512, at Gustavus Adolphus College 227, and at Bethany College, 427. The Theological course of study at Augustana Theological Seminary is a full, three years' course, and comprises eighteen departments, which cover all subjects

taught in the best-equipped theological seminaries. There is also a post-graduate department, with 24 courses to select from. In the lectures and instruction the English language is used in several of the subjects.

According to a resolution of the Synod the Church Book Committee will publish, at the beginning of next year, a translation and adaptation from Swedish into English of the Morning Service, Holy Communion, and Evening Service, to be used at Divine Service in the English language. It is thought that such a translation of the Swedish service will be useful in the period of transition from Swedish into English, and there is no intention to counteract the work of the General Council in laboring for a Common Service within the Lutheran Church of the United States. The committee to translate Swedish hymns into English has been inactive of late, but the Synod at Rock Island urged the committee to continue the work.

The Augustana Book Concern printed last year 12 new books and reprinted fourteen books. In all, 90,100 books and pamphlets were printed. Average number of copies of "Augustana," (the official paper), printed per week, was 13,228; of Olive Leaf, 11,333; of the Swedish Sunday-school paper, 35,-333, and of Augustana Journal, 2,130. The profits amounted to $12,949.12; $2,000 was donated to Augustana College, and the net gain for the year was $8,828.91. The Augustana Book Concern is in a prosperous condition.

Festivals in commemoration of the birth of Melanchthon were held in most of the Churches of the Synod and in the colleges, and especially at Rock Island, Ill., in the Augustana College and Theological Seminary, February 16, 1897.

In examining the minutes of 1896 and 1897 I find no resolution referring any special matter to the Council. On page 77, in the minutes of 1896 the following resolution is found: "Resolved, that the Augustana Synod looks favorably upon the establishment of a General Church Paper within the General Council and will gladly sustain the project as much as possible under present circumstances."

The next convention of the Augustana Synod will be held at Galesburg, Ill., Thursday, June 2, 1898.

CONRAD EMIL LINDBERG,
Vice-President Pro Tem.

VI. The Canada Synod.

Since the last meeting of the General Council the Canada Synod has held two conventions, one at Hamilton, Ont., June 11th to 16th, 1896; the other at Waterloo, Ont., June 10th to 15th, 1897; the latter being the 37th Annual Meeting of the Synod.

The parochial reports for 1897 present the following statistics: 45 Ministers; 110 congregations, with a communicant membership of 12,600, of whom 4,500 are entitled to vote. The total number of souls is about 21,000. During the past two years 2,064 infants and adults were baptized, and 1,200 persons confirmed. There are 75 Sunday-schools in the Canada Synod, with 580 teachers and officers, and 5,150 scholars. In 35 congregations, parochial or Saturday school is held, with 1,190 children, by the respective pastors. Nine pastors from other Synods were received into the Synod, and one candidate was ordained. Three new churches were built and dedicated and the corner stones of two others were laid. Eight missions were supported in the last two years, at an expense of $3,500.

The following amounts were raised:

For Local Purposes	$40,000.00
For Home Missions of the Synod	4,265.25
For Foreign Missions of General Council	708.05
For Orphans' Home	1,800.00
For Support of Invalid Ministers	650.00
For Various Charitable Purposes	1,100.00

Concerning the centralization of the entire Home Mission work, as recommended by the General Council to all its Synods, the Canada Synod has resolved: That such centralization would be neither practicable nor profitable for its own Home Mission fields. Already, at Hamilton, 1896, the pastors in the far northwest of Canada, hitherto belonging to the Canada Synod, were recommended to organize a Synod for themselves, which recommendation was renewed at Waterloo, 1897, the Canada Synod having anew been convinced of the difficulty of controlling this field. Meanwhile, the organization of the "German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Manitoba and Northwest Territories," has taken place at Winnipeg, in July of this year, and the respective

pastors and congregations have consequently been dismissed from the Canada Synod.

The officers of the Synod are: President, Rev. E. Hoffmann, Hamilton, Ont.; Vice President, Rev. E. Neudoerffer, Neustadt, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. B. Mueller, New Hamburg, Ont.; Treasurer, Rev. J. Goos, Hanover, Ont.

E. HOFFMANN, President.

VII. The Chicago Synod.

Since the last Convention of the General Council the Chicago Synod has had two annual meetings. The first was held in Holy Trinity Church, Chicago, September 21st to 24th, 1896, and the second in St. Peter's Church, Newberry, Greene County, Indiana. At the former session six new members and four congregations were received, and at the latter an equal number of congregations and five Ministers. The enrollment of the Synod is now as follows: Ministers, 24; congregations, 41; parishes, 25; communicants, 3,600.

Synod has approved of the plan of the General Council for the reorganization of the Home Mission work. Its own missions were given over to the Home Mission Board of the General Council, December 1, 1892, and it is waiting with interest to see other Synods take a similar step.

The objects of general interest are constantly kept before the members of the Synod. Last year Superintendent Whitteker attended the Convention in the interests of Home Missions. This year Superintendent Telleen presented the Foreign Mission cause. Education and benevolence also receive much attention. Synod supports a student at the Chicago Seminary and one at Thiel College.

The establishment of the Chicago Theological Seminary has proven an unspeakable blessing to our Synod, as well as to the other Synods west of the Allegheny Mountains. It has enabled us to fill our vacancies with able and earnest young pastors, to resuscitate some congregations that were almost abandoned to die, to divide some of the parishes that were too large to be properly served, and to begin to lay out and develop new charges. Through the aid of this efficient, vigorous and promising young school of the prophets, we expect to so develop the

territory within our bounds, that our Synod will, in the future, take that place which she ought to occupy among the Synods of the General Council.

Earnest efforts are being made, and fond hopes are entertained that ere long we shall have an institution for higher education on our territory, which shall become a feeder for our Seminary.

The present officers of Synod are the following: President, Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., Chicago; Secretary, Rev. Wm. J. Finck, Anderson, Ind.; Treasurer, Mr. D. J. Miller, Middletown, Ind.

The next Convention will be held at Whitestown, Ind., during the month of September, 1898.

G. H. Gerberding, President.

VIII. English Synod of the Northwest.

The Sixth Meeting of the Synod was held at St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn., June 10th to 15th, 1896; and the Seventh at Fargo, North Dakota, June 23d to 28th, 1897. At the former Convention a paper on "Wealth, False and True," was read by Rev. Pres. Sadtler, of the Chicago Synod, and one by Judge Holt on "Minnesota Laws Relating to Church Property, Marriage and Divorce." The discussion of the "Orders for Ministerial Acts," begun in 1892, was concluded. At Fargo, Chapter III. of the Apology, "Of Love and the Fulfilling of the Law," was discussed.

The Red Wing Meeting was notable for the number of English brethren brought together in the Northwest, and the visit of the English Home Mission Superintendent, Rev. J. E. Whitteker; the Fargo meeting, for the hearty participation of the Norwegian brethren of the Red River Valley in our discussions, and the presence of the Foreign Mission Superintendent, Rev. J. Telleen.

On each occasion a Sunday-school and a Luther League Convention were held, at which, the delegates, and especially our young people presented papers that reflected great credit on them, and awaken great expectations.

The all too numerous changes in our field leave hardly any of those who founded the Synod still in active service. In the

past two years we have ordained two brethren, dismissed four to other Lutheran Synods, and received four into our ranks. There are 13 ministers and 13 congregations in the Synod. The new churches are, St. James', in the best part of the city of St. Paul; St. Luke's, of Goodhue, below Red Wing, our first village Church; and Zion at The Dalles, the key to eastern Oregon.

There are 1,165 communicants, a baptized membership of 2,147; and an enrollment of 1,274 persons in our 13 Sunday-schools. The adult additions by baptism and confirmation in 1896 and 1897 were 67 and 84 respectively. The sums raised for Synodical work and general beneficence, were $585 and $435, of which $240 and $270 were given to the General Council's Home Mission and Church Extension Work. The congregations are apportioned for 1897-8, sums ranging from $25 to $100. The amounts raised for congregational expenses during the Synodical year, 1896, aggregated $8,079, and during 1897, $9,159.

These churches would be well on their way to self-support but for heavy debts, the more pressing of which have this summer been taken in hand by the Church Extension Society on a plan originated and made possible by a layman of this Synod.

"The large Easter Communions, the profitable Melanchthon services (February 16, 1897), the impetus given to the Sunday-school cause since the introduction of the new Quarterlies, and the early Christmas services held in many churches, are points for favorable remark."

A legacy of $500 to the Church of the Redeemer, payable next year, is reported.

The Synod adopted the propositions on intersynodical comity in Home Mission work (General Council Minutes, 1895, page 17, (a) and (b).) It also approved of the plan for the reorganization of the Home Mission work, page 48.

With an outlook over the great Mississippi Valley and the West Coast, Synod expressed the opinion that the proposed General Conference should be held at least as far west as Chicago. It renewed the request to the Home Mission Board, first made in 1891, that a traveling Sunday-school Missionary be placed in our territory, of which suggestion the President remarked in his last report, that "The placing of such a missionary in any one

of our northwestern states would be a masterstroke of missionary policy."

For the better development of the remote west coast work, and the greater comfort of the brethren out there, who are, by the great distance, cut off from regular attendance at Synod, the organization of a West Coast Conference was urged and will probably be effected this fall at the dedication of The Dalles Church.

The most serious hindrance during these years has been the increasing arrearages of the missionaries' salaries, "entailing much personal suffering and humiliation."

The present officers are: Rev. W. K. Frick, Milwaukee, President; Rev. W. H. Zuber, St. Paul, Secretary; and Mr. Charles A. Smith, Minneapolis, Treasurer.

The Eighth Meeting will be held in the new St. John's Church, Minneapolis, June 22, 1898.

WILLIAM K. FRICK, President.

IX. German Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

From the 22d to the 24th of July, 1897, a meeting of the Northwest Conference of the Canada Synod was held in Winnipeg, Man. Upon this occasion the action of the Canada Synod advising its pastors and congregations to organize a Synod of their own, was considered, and inasmuch as the German Home Mission Committee, from which all our congregations receive support had sent in a recommendation to the same effect, the following resolution was adopted, in the full consciousness of our weakness, but relying upon the gracious help of Almighty God.

"We, the congregations and pastors in the Northwest of Canada, recognizing the fact that it is helpful to the successful prosecution of the work of our Church in the Northwest, and, in accord with the wish of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada, and of the German Home Mission Committee of the General Council, hereby declare that we unite in a Synod of our own upon the basis of the Word of God and the true confession of the same, under the name and title of "German Evangelical Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories."

By its Constitution the Synod confesses the Holy Scriptures as the revealed Word of God and only rule of faith, and adheres to all the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Of other resolutions adopted concerning the founding of the Synod, the following are mentioned:

Resolved, That we give our assent to the Constitution of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Resolved, That the President be instructed to make application for admission to the General Council.

The officers elected for the current year are:

President—Rev. M. Ruccius, Winnipeg, Man.

Secretary—Rev. W. Willing, Edenwald, Assa.

Treasurer—Rev. C. Berthold, Gretna, Man.

Accurate statistics of the Synod cannot yet be given, but it comprises about 6 pastors, 52 congregations and preaching-stations, 5,200 baptized persons, and 3,000 confirmed members. The next Convention will be held on the third full week of July, 1898, in the Trinity Church, Winnipeg, Man.

MARTIN RUCCUIS, President.

LUTHER LEAGUE.

On motion of Mr. Frank P. D. Miller,

Resolved, That in view of the importance of the Luther League movement, a committee be appointed to prepare theses for discussion at he next meeting of the General Council, which shall define the relation of the General Council to the Luther League.

Committee: Revs. W. K. Frick, C. L. Fry, Dr. S. Laird, and Messrs. F. P. D. Miller and Oliver Williams.

Dr. Repass read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD AND OTHER BODIES.

Your Committee appointed to confer with Committees of the General Synod, and such other Bodies as decided to negotiate concerning a Plan of Practical Co-operation between Lutheran Synods, with the understanding that it would be binding only where all the doctrines of the Augsburg Confession would be clearly and unequivocally confessed and taught, respectfully report:

A Conference was held April 22, 1896, at Washington, D. C., with representatives of the General Synod and the United Synod of the South, at which three of the five members of your Committee were present. The additional provisions recommended by the General Council at its last meeting, were unani-

mously approved, and recommended to the other General Bodies. Since then, the General Synod, at its late meeting in Mansfield, O., has adopted them. The action, therefore, comprehended on pp. 16-18 of the Minutes of the Eastern Convention, constitutes now the terms of the agreement.

In adopting your recommendation for a Committee of Arbitration, the Joint Committee recommended:

1. "It is the sense of this Committee that the Committee of Arbitration should consist of not more than three members from each of the three General Bodies, and, that, in this Committee of Arbitration, each General Body should have one vote, and, that its decision, on any matter referred to it, should be published as soon as adopted.

2. "The Committee hereby requests the General Bodies to appoint their representatives on the Committee of Arbitration at their next Convention."

These recommendations of the Committee have been adopted by the General Synod, and Revs. D. M. Gilbert, D.D., G. M. Grau, D.D., and J. A. Clutz, D.D., appointed as its representatives.

Your Committee recommends that you adopt this recommendation of the Joint Committee for carrying out your own proposition, and that you appoint a similar Committee of three.

The General Council at Easton, having called attention to the fact, that, inasmuch as the method of conducting the Home Missionary operations of the General Council differs from that of the other Bodies, since with us the Synods, as a rule, attend to all missions within their bounds, while, in the other Bodies, they are administered by the general organization, these propositions were referred to the district Synods for their decision as to whether their missions should be controlled by the action referred to. We recommend that the roll of the Synods be called, and their action be reported.

The Conference at Washington also took into consideration the propositions of the United Synod, and your Body concerning a Common Book of Worship, including, besides the Common Order of Service, Orders for Ministerial Acts and a Hymn Book, and unanimously approved their recommendations. Upon this recommendation, the General Synod has taken favorable action.

The proposition for holding a General Conference was unanimously approved, first, by the Joint Committee, and, then, by the General Synod.

Your Committee urge that the steps already taken towards reaching a clearer understanding and harmonious co-operation of the various Bodies, be followed by most earnest efforts to avail ourselves of every opening whereby the faith of Christ which our fathers confessed, and for which we stand, may be proclaimed, and all who hold that faith may dwell together in the bonds of peace. In the very nature of the case, wherever there is human infirmity, such ends cannot be reached at one bound, and much patience and charity must be exercised, as in the Apostolic Church, and among brethren in the same Synod and even congregation, where, notwithstanding these sincere efforts to prevent strife and confusion, these provisions in a number of instances, have already been violated.

The General Council, at any rate, has done its part thus far in complying with the principles so eloquently set forth in the last of our Confessions

"We have not thought of yielding aught of the eternal, immutable truth of God, for the sake of temporary peace and tranquility and unity; as to do this is not in our power. Such peace and unity, since devised against the truth and for its suppression, would have no permanency. Much less are we inclined to adorn and conceal a corruption of the pure doctrine, and manifest, condemned errors. But for that unity, we entertain heartfelt pleasure and love, and this, on our part, we are sincerely inclined and anxious to advance, according to our utmost power, by which his glory remains to God uninjured, nothing of the pure truth of the Holy Gospel is surrendered, no place is admitted for the least error, poor sinners are brought to true and genuine repentance, encouraged by faith, confirmed in the new obedience, and thus justified and eternally saved alone through the sole merit of Christ."

(Formula of Concord, Solida Declaratio, XI: 95, 96.)

We respectfully ask that the Treasurer be authorized to pay a bill of $31.25, the expenses of the members in attending the Conference.

Henry E. Jacobs,
S. A. Repass,
J. C. Kunzmann,
G. C. F. Haas.

The following action was taken.

1. With reference to Arbitration, the Council adopted the recommendation to appoint three members on the Committee of Arbitration.

Committee: Drs. Jacobs and Repass and Rev. C. A. Ewald.

2. With reference to action of the Synods on arbitration, the roll was called, and it was ascertained that Canada and Augustana had taken no action, New York objected, and all the others approved of the plan.

3. With reference to a Common Book of Worship, on motion of Dr. H. W. Roth,

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee be appointed to confer and co-operate with committees from any other Lutheran Bodies in the preparation of a Common Book of Worship, including, besides the Common Order of Service, Orders for Ministerial Acts and a Book of Hymns in the English Language.

4. With reference to the Catechism, on motion of Dr.Seiss,

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee be instructed to resume the revision of the translation of the Catechism in conjunction with the Joint Committee on that subject.

The report was then adopted as a whole, the sum of $31.25 was allowed for expenses, and the Committee was continued.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The undersigned appointed to arrange with representatives of the General Synod in the South, a General Conference, to be held in the year 1896, respectfully reports, that, although at one time the time and place of said meeting had been agreed upon, the Committee found it difficult to arrange the programme with any prospect of providing for attendance and discussions commensurate with the results that could be justly anticipated from such a gathering. It was deemed best, therefore, to defer action until after the other General Bodies had formally approved the project. This has been done by the General Synod, and its rpresentative, the Rev. Dr. S. W. Owen, has informed me of his readiness for a meeting to arrange preliminaries. As the representative to the United Synod, the Rev. Dr. Horn, is no longer a member of that Body, and the President of the United Synod doubts his authority with out action of the General Body, to appoint a successor, the arrangements having been temporarily delayed in the expectation that the General Synod, at its approaching meeting, will provide for its representation.

We would respectfully suggest that a small Committee of laymen be appointed, with authority to add to their number

representative laymen of the other Bodies proposing to participate, for the purpos of gathering a fund for the necessary expenses of said conference.

H. E. JACOBS.

The report was adopted and a Committe of Laymen with power to add to their number, was appointed to provide a fund for the General Conference, to-wit: Messrs William Hengerer, Oliver Williams, Chas. Schimmelfeng, and W. H. Staake, Esq.

Dr. Jacobs was continued as our member of the Conference Committee, with Dr. Schmauk as Alternate.

The English Secretary read the

REPORT OF LUTHERAN MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

PHILADELPHIA, October 14, 1897.

To the President and Members of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

"The Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society" begs leave to present to your honorable body this report:

The operations of the Society have made considerable progress during the past two years. Rev. William A. Passavant, Jr., the Agent of the Society, was compelled to resign his office, much to the regret of the officers of the Society; and Rev. J. E. Whitteker, who had been elected Superintendent of English Home Missions, was appointed as Agent in his stead, and has since that time performed the duties of the office.

The total receipts of the Society

For the year 1895 were	$4,395 11
For the year 1896 were	4,415 33

There was paid in loans in the

Year 1895 the sum of	$6,800 00
Year 1896 the sum of	3,900 00
Total loaned in the two years	$10,700 00

Following are the loans made to date, secured by mortgages and other satisfactory security:

St. James' Church, Portland, Oregon	$ 4,000 00
Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis	1,444 00
St. John's Church, Duluth, Minn	1,000 00
Zion's, Tacoma, Wash	1,000 00
Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash	1,000 00
Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah	2,400 00
Holy Trinity, Chester, Pa	1,000 00
Church of Redeemer, Binghampton, N. Y.	900 00
Church of Redeemer, Syracuse, N. Y.	1,000 00
St. John's Church, Anderson, Ind	1,000 00
Grace Church, Newark, N. J	2,000 00
St. John's Church, Wilkesbarre, Pa	1,000 00
St. John's Church, McKeesport, Pa	1,000 00
St. Mark's Church, Boston, Mass	1,800 00
Church of Atonement, Philadelphia, Pa	1,100 00
St. Matthew's Church, Toledo, Ohio	1,000 00
St. John's Church, Chicago, Ill	1,000 00
Church of Incarnation, Philadelphia, Pa. (Special)	2,200 00
First English Church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	1,500 00
	$27,344 00
In addition we have title to lot in Garden City, Utah, representing a loan of	$ 1,373 07
Lot in Bismarck, North Dakota, in which the consideration is	825 00
Individual note	85 35
Cash balance on hand	2,073 48
Total assets or capital of Society	$31,700 90

Of which $2,00 is held specially for the work in Philadelphia and $100 an unnamed Trust by Rev. G. W. Gerberding, D.D., leaving in General Trust as capital $29,400 90.

The Society, by the generosity of a member of the Board, who has requested that his name shall not be published, has received a mortgage in the sum of $2,200, against the real estate of the Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia, the proceeds to be used for Philadelphia City Mission Work. This was received since January 1, 1897.

Recently the Society has been centralizing its efforts in behalf of the four missions at Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Duluth, Minnesota. Acting in conjunction with Mr. Julius A. Bohn, of Minneapolis, and the English Board of Home Missions, a plan has been evolved for the funding of the debt of these four missions by which the interest upon the existing debt is substantially reduced, and a sink-

ing fund is formed by which the indebtedness will be gradually reduced. Mr. Bohn has paid two visits to Philadelphia, and has co-operated with the officers of the Society in bringing about this arrangement, which will undoubtedly result in great good to these four important missions.

The meetings of the Board of Managers are held quarterly on the fourth Mondays of January, April, July and October, and numerous special meetings have also been held.

The Annual Meeting of the Contributors takes place on the evening of the fourth Monday in January in each year.

The present officers of the Society are:

President—Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D. D., LL. D.

Treasurer—E. Aug. Miller, Esq.

Secretary—William H. Staake, Esq.

Managers—Rev. Jos. A. Seiss, D. D., Rev. Samuel Laird, D. D., Rev. E. E. Sibole, D. D., Rev. William Ashmead Schaeffer, D. D., Rev. J. L. Sibole, Messrs. Henry Beates,W. W. Kurtz, Frank M. Riter, John Willing, James N. Mohr, Enos R. Artman, Artman, James H. Wolfe, Esq., Prof. S. P. Sadtler, A. C. Albrecht, E. Aug. Miller, Esq., and Wm. H. Staake, Esq.

The Society, as is well known, is chartered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Its object is to secure and safely manage a permanent Church Extension Fund, and to hold the same in trust in order to assist missions and other needy churches, in the securement of grounds for the building of church edifices and the erection thereon of churches or chapels for the use of congregations in the public worship of Almighty God in accordanee with the faith and usages of our beloved church, and for the securement of grounds for the holding of institutions of learning, charity, or benevolence.

The payment of the sum of fifty dollars at one time constitutes a life-member, and of the sum of five dollars annually, an annual member of the Society. The Society also holds property in trust for congregations or institutions, pending their legal incorporation.

The Society desires to largely increase its membership and to impress upon the Church the importance of its operations, especially as an aid and adjunct to the work of the Boards of Home Missions. Every care is taken to protect the investments

of the Society. Will our pastors commend this Society, as a proper subject for bequests or devises of property, from their members, able to give for such an important object? These gifts are preserved, used, and reused in perpetuam, for the purposes of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. STAAKE, Secretary.

On motion of Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr.,

Resolved, That the General Council request the District Synods to bring the subject of Church Extension before the Synod at the public services.

DIVINE LAW OF MARRIAGE.

Dr. Spaeth reported progress, and asked for instructions.

On motion of Rev. G. W. Mechling,

Resolved, That the Committee be reapointed as a Committee on Divorce and Remarriage, with instructions to present a paper on the reasons given in God's Word for which marriage may be dissolved and another marriage contracted.

2. That this paper be one of the subjects for doctrinal discussion at the next Convention.

A LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY.

Rev. G. A. Bierdemann brought up the matter of a Lutheran University in the United States, which, after a slight discussion, was laid on the table.

NEXT CONVENTION.

The Council decided to meet in 1899, the time and place to be determined by the President, the three Recording Secretaries, and the Treasurer.

On motion

Resolved, That the discussion of "Fundamental Principles" be continued at the next Convention.

THANKS.

On motion of Dr. H. W. Roth,

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the General Council be returned to the Church and Christian Brethren of Erie for the very generous and charming hospitality which the members of the General Council have received and enjoyed at their hands. Upon them all we invoke the richest blessings of our Father in Heaven.

2. That the pastors announce this action at the first Sunday services.

3. That to the daily press of Erie this Body returns its thanks for the courtesies and attention with which its members and deliberations have been favored.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to remunerate the Sexton of the Church.

The President appointed the following

COMMITTEES.

1. Archivarius—Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs.

2. On Consolidation of Home Mission Work—Revs. S. A. Repass, Geo. C. F. Haas, Edmund Belfour, M. C. Ranseen, A. F. Seibert, W. K. Frick, W. A. Sadtler, A. R. Schultz.

3. On Correspondence with reference to Arbitration as Against War—Discharged.

4. On Publishing the Constitution, Official Declarations, etc.—Drs. Laird and Spaeth and Rev. F. W. Weiskotten.

5. On the Church Book (elected by the Council)—Rev. Drs. A. Spaeth, H. E. Jacobs, J. A. Seiss, S. Laird, G. F. Krotel, T. E. Schmauk, E. T. Horn, and Revs. F. F. Buermeyer, G. C. F. Haas and J. F. Ohl.

6. On Correspondence Concerning Jewish Mission Work—Revs. H. W. Roth, C. A. Ewald, F. W. Oswald, F. Wischan, M. Stolpe, and Messrs. A. Bendel, Olaf Sohlberg, A. J. D. Wedemeyer and Marx Wintjen.

The Council named the following:

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

1. To the General Synod—Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss; Rev. Dr. M. H. Richards, Alternate.

2. To the United Synod in the South—Rev. Dr. S. Laird; Rev. J. E. Whitteker, Alternate.

3. To the United Norwegian Church—Rev. W. K. Frick; Rev. Dr. F. W. E. Peschau, Alternate.

4. To the Icelandic Synod—Rev. A. Ramsey; Rev. C. A. Ewald, Alternate.

5. To the United Danish Church—Rev. L. A. Johnston; Rev. Jos. A. Anderson, Alternate.

6. To the German Iowa Synod—Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth; Rev. H. W. Roth, Alternate.

7. To the Joint Synod of Ohio—Rev. Dr. G. H. Gerberding; Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, Alternate.

The afternoon Minutes were read and approved.

At 6 p. m. of the sixth day of the session, the General Council adjourned, the brethren uniting in singing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," and the President closing the Convention according to the prescribed Order in the Church Book.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
They shall prosper that love thee.

"Peace be within thy walls:
And prosperity within thy palaces."

WILLIAM K. FRICK,
English Recording Secretary of the General Council.

Religious Services.

Thursday Morning: Opening Service.

Preparatory and Morning Service by Rev. Dr. E. F. Moldehnke and Rev. W. K. Frick.

Sermon, by appointment of the President, delivered by Rev. Frederick A. Kaehler, Pastor of Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y., on Mark ix, 7: "The Message to the Church from the Mount of Transfiguration."

Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday Evening: Home Mission Meeting.

The Altar Service was conducted by Rev. John G. Reinartz, of East Liverpool, Ohio.

Addresses by Rev. John E. Whitteker, Superintendent of English Home Missions; Rev. Dr. Ferd. W. A. Peschau, Greensburg, Pa., (in German); and Rev. Carl A. Ewald, Pastor of Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church, Chicago.

Offerings for German and English Home Missions.

Friday Evening: Foreign Mission Meeting.

The Altar Service was conducted by Rev. E. F. Krauss, of Leechburg, Pa.

Addresses by Rev. John Telleen, Superintendent of Foreign Missions; Rev. Emil Hoffmann, President of the Canada Synod, (in German); and Rev. Hiram Peters, Pastor of St. Matthew's Church, Toledo, Ohio.

Offerings for Foreign Missions.

Saturday Evening: Jewish Mission Meeting.

The Altar Service was conducted by Rev. C. Theodore Benze, of Beaver Falls, Pa.

Addresses by Rev. Prof. Emanuel N. Heimann, Iowa Synod's Jewish Missionary in Chicago, (in German); and Rev. Dr. Henry W. Roth, member of the Chicago Jewish Mission Committee.

Offerings for the Chicago Jewish Mission.

Sunday Morning: SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Addresses by Supt. J. Telleen, Drs. T. E. Schmauk and Moldehnke, and Rev. Messrs. Roeder, Ruccius and Weiskotten.

Sunday Morning: DIVINE SERVICE.

The Altar Service was conducted by Rev. F. W. Weiskotten of Philadelphia.

Sermon in German by Rev. Dr. Edward F. Moldehnke, Pastor of St. Peter's German Church, New York City, and President of the General Council.

Sunday Evening: MEETING FOR WORKS OF MERCY.

The Altar Service was conducted by Rev. Louis Lindenstruth, of Mauch Chunk, Pa.

Addresses by Rev. Prof. Dr. A. Spaeth, of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Mother House of Deaconesses; Rev. Dr. Samuel Laird, Pastor of St. Mark's English Church, Philadelphia; and Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch, of Buffalo, President of the Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Orphan Home.

Monday Evening: EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

The Altar Service was conducted by Dr. G. H. Trabert, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Addresses by Rev. Prof. Dr. George H. Gerberding, of the Chicago Theological Seminary; Rev. Dr. John Nicum, President of Wagner College; and Rev. Gustavus A, Bierdemann, Pastor of Church of the Redeemer, Utica. N. Y.

Offerings for Wagner College and the Chicago Theological Seminary.

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President.

Rev. EDWARD F. MOLDEHNKE, Ph. D., D. D.

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4. Rev. P. J. Sward, D.D., K.N.O., 511 N. 19th St., Omaha, Neb.
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   President of Canada Synod.
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William H. Staake, Esq., 133 S. 12th St., Philadelphia.

The Officers constitute the General Executive Committee.

Boards.

I. Board of English Home Missions.

Meets quarterly in March, June, September and December.

Corporate title: "The Board of English Home Missions of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America."

President—Rev. Jos. A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D., L.H.D., 1338 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia.

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Mr. Julius A. Bohn, Room 329 Boston Block, Minneapolis.

Rev. John E. Whitteker, Superintendent, Assistant Secretary, and ex-officio Advisory Member, Paxinosa Avenue, Easton, Penna.

II. Board of German Home Missions.

Meets at 26 State St., New York.

Corporate title: "German Home Mission Board of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America."

President—Rev. Frederick W. Weiskotten, 2126 North Hancock Street, Philadelphia.

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Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Christian G. Fischer, Elizabeth, N. J.

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Rev. Daniel W. Peterson, Middle Village, Long Island, N. Y.
Rev. Emil Hoffmann, 104 Hughson Street, Hamilton, Ontario, Can.
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Mr. Chas. D. Boschen, 96 and 98 Fulton Street, New York.
Mr. Louis W. Kaufmann, 22 and 24 N. William Street, New York.
Mr. John Kuntz, 131 Kent Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mr. John Sutter, Middle Village, Long Island, N. Y.

III. Board of Swedish Home Missions.

(Augustana Synodens Missionsstyrelse.)

Meets at Omaha, Neb., at call of the President.

Not incorporated.

President—Rev. P. J. Sward, D.D., 511 19th Street, Omaha, Neb.

Secretary—Rev. Fr. N. Swanberg, Oakland, Neb.

Treasurer—Rev. J. E. Rydback, Stanton, Iowa.

Rev. Erik A. Fogelstrom, Omaha, Neb.
Rev. P. J. Sjoeblom, Wakefield, Neb.
Mr. J. F. Helin, Omaha, Neb.
Prof. S. M. Hill, Wahoo, Neb.
Mr. Gunnar Lindquist, Omaha, Neb.
Mr. A. P. Falk, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

IV. Board of Foreign Missions.

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The Twenty-seventh Convention of "The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America" was held in Wicker Park English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago, Rev. Henry W. Roth, D.D., pastor, commencing Thursday, Sept. 28, 1899. The preparatory service, held in the Sunday-school room at 10 a. m., was, in the absence of the President, conducted by Rev. Adolphus L. Yount, D.D., Second Vice-President, and the German Recording Secretary, Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, and consisted of the Order for Public Confession.

At 10:30 a. m., the brethren proceeded in due order to the auditorium of the Church, Rev. William K. Frick, the English Recording Secretary, conducting the Order of Morning Service, beginning at the Introit. By appointment of the President, Rev. George C. F. Haas, of New York City, President of the Ministerium of New York, preached the Sermon. The text was Isaiah 54: 2-4, and the theme

"The Commission of the Lord unto us: Enlarge the Place of Thy Tent."

The Holy Communion was then administered to the members of the Council and visiting brethren.

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Andrew P. Johnson. —6

VIII. English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

CLERICAL.

Rev. Prof. William K. Frick, *ex-officio*.
" George H. Trabert, D. D.

LAY.

Charles A. Smith. } Julius A. Bohn. —4
Henry G. Rahn, Alt. }

IX. German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

CLERICAL.

Rev. Martin Ruccius, *ex-officio*.

Delegates present: Clerical..... 91
Lay 49

Total..... 140

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

From the Icelandic Synod.

Rev. N. Steingrimr Thorlaksson, Park River, N. Dak.

From the General Synod.

Rev. C. Luther McConnell, Mifflinburg, Pa.

NAMES OF VISITING CLERGYMEN IN THE UNITY OF THE FAITH WITH THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Aspjorn C. Anda.
Alonzo H. Arbaugh.
J. Allen Arndt.
Jacob Ash.
Amos H. Bartholomew.
William A. Beates.
Frank L. Beistel.
Nels Bentsen.
Zenan M. Corbet.
Austin D. Crile.
C. L. V. Dozer.
Ole K. Espeseth.
William Evans.
William J. Finck.
Prof. W. H. Frederick.
Hermann L. Fritschel.
Prof. John Fritschel.
Nels Gibson.
William Hall.
Prof. Emanuel N. Heimann.
Luther Hogshead.
J. H. Hunton.
Frank E. Jensen.
Jens C. Jenssen.
Bjorn B. Jonsson.
George P. Kabele.
Thormod Kolste.
Samuel W. Kuhns.
H. Kullander.
F. A. Linder.
C. B. Lindtwed.
M. J. Lönner.
Prof. Emil G. Lund, D. D.
G. Lundahl.
Reuben E. McDaniel, Ph. D.
A. M. Mehrkam.
Lorrin O. Pearch.
Hiram Peters.
Alex. Philippi, D. D.
Alfred Ramsey.
Harry B. Reed.
D. L. Reese.
A. J. Reichert.
Herbert F. Richards.
Prof. Theophilus B. Roth, D. D.
Prof. Wm. A. Sadtler, Ph. D.
O. J. Siljeström.
Gustaf K. Stark.
Charles L. Warstler.
Prof. R. F. Weidner, D. D., LL. D.
Isaiah Whitman.
Carl M. Weswig.

In the absence of the President, Rev. Dr. E. F. Moldehnke, Dr. Yount read his official Report as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Dear Brethren:

Christians are not pessimists. They rejoice in hope and "hope maketh not ashamed," for the Lord "ruleth by His power forever," and He is "wonderful in counsel and excellent in working." The history of the nations, and especially the history of the Church, attest this. Christ is the Key to the world's history, but at the same time the Lord and Master of his Church. We can, therefore, truly say, "They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants" (Ps. 119:91).

Two powerful sentiments sway the hearts of men, the national and the religious. Frequently both go together, the one aroused and strengthened by the other. Thus, in our late war with Spain we beheld a fervor of patriotic enthusiasm that, moved by true Christian sympathy, did not shrink from sacrificing both treasure and life, and has been blessed with a victory unparalleled in the annals of history. In view of this fact we may well confess: "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes" (Matt. 21:42); but we must at the same time also pray that the fire of true patriotism may consume all the revolting corruption in the sphere of politics. And yet, while sordid politicians bring our institutions into disrepute, still there is even now a silent army of honest and true Christians who pray and work and have the welfare of their country at heart. Away, then, with pessimism!

The same holds true of the Church. There is much in its development that may distress us, but there is also enough to cheer and encourage us. The Lutheran Church must not seek temporal power, aggrandizement, or external splendor, for, even though we yearn for the unity and co-operation of all the branches of our Church in this country, yet we know that her glory is within (Ps. 45:13) and that her treasure is the pure Gospel truth. Thus firmly established in God's word by faith, zealous of good works, upholding true Christian liberty, keeping the golden mean against the many extravagant tendencies of our age, and especially of our people, ever so prone to rush to extremes, she shall and will prove a blessing to our country. She must needs experience affliction, brave poverty, be despised of the mighty, be-

trayed by the worldly, forsaken by the unfaithful, as the Lord has foreshadowed: "My Kingdom is not from hence" (John 18:36). Nevertheless, amid dissensions, quarrels, attacks, and even losses, we may say: the Lord's work has prospered by His blessing, and our motto is still: "Nunquam retrorsum!"

During the past two years new congregations have been organized and many new churches built, much missionary work has been done, the institutions of mercy supported and their number increased, and our theological seminaries and colleges maintained in their wonted efficiency..

Our Immigrant Mission

has suffered to some extent by the decrease of immigration, and even more so by the death of our venerable and faithful missionary, the Rev. Wm. Berkemeier, but the good work continues and still proves a great blessing. The Immigrant House, which celebrated its 25th anniversary on October 31st, 1898, has been appraised and taken by the Government, but another most conveniently located building has been secured.

Harassed by the despotic oppression which the Lutheran Church in Russia has suffered for many years, and which at last has reached the law-abiding and submissive, prosperous, and enlightened population of

Lutheran Finland,

many thousands of Finns are leaving their downtrodden country for our hospitable shores. While this immigration is of great value to our Church and a benefit to our country, it shows, on the other hand, the brutal intolerance of Russia, which casts off her best children, thereby following the bad example formerly set by France and Austria, and is likewise destined to reap the same sad harvest of her wicked deeds.

It is a strange, but nevertheless a true fact, that the various sects find their best missionary fields among those Lutherans who do not value the treasure they possess in their own Church, but are allured to various denominations by social considerations or gifted preachers, or are drawn away because of their neglected condition. Not a few Lutherans, and especially the wealthy, send their children to sectarian Sunday-schools and institutions of learning. The public schools being without religious instruction, more work in this respect devolves on the household and the congregation, as in ancient times, when schools were heathenish.

It cannot be denied that

The English Language

is constantly taking a firmer hold of our people, especially of the rising generation, and it is a matter for congratulation that the English-speaking portion of the General Council is actively engaged in building new churches, carrying on successfully the work in the Sunday-school, supporting our English church paper, earnestly endeavoring to raise the oppressive debts of the Home Mission Board, caring for sound English Literature and thus paving the way for the transition from the German, Scandinavian and other languages to the English language, while at the same time carefully guarding the sound Lutheran doctrine.

Besides the hearty co-operation of special Committees of the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod South,

A General Conference

was held at Philadelphia in December, 1898, which gives promise for a better understanding. The common foundations of our faith were first considered; the points of difference will doubtless be treated later and we trust, in a thorough manner and in a spirit of moderation. Since the pure doctrine of the Gospel proves not only the glory of our Church, but primarily also her right to exist as a separate organization, true Lutherans must steadfastly cling to it and in no wise compromise it.

The "Lutheran" having been successfully established as the official English organ of the General Council, there is a well-founded hope for the acquisition of the

"Lutherische Herold"

as the official German organ. The labors of the English as well as of the German Committee on Sunday-School Literature have been diligently prosecuted. The English Committee has suffered a great loss by the death of Prof. Dr. M. Richards, whom the "Lutheran" will also sadly miss. The

German Home Mission Board

has had to contend with many difficulties in raising the necessary funds for its work, having been hampered by the efforts of the Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh Synods to raise jubilee funds for special purposes and having received no contribution from the Publication Board, because this energetic and successful Board needed all its available funds not only for Sunday-School Litera-

ture, but especially for the acquisition of a suitable house, which I consider a very important progressive step. Now that the hard times of former years and the consequent depression of business in our country have passed away, we anticipate more liberal contributions for all these and other works of the Church.

It afforded me great pleasure to attend the sesqui-centennial jubilee of the

Pennsylvania Synod

in June of last year and in behalf of the General Council to offer the heartiest congratulations to this venerable body. The Pennsylvania Synod is not only the "Mother Synod," but also the leading Synod in the East, while the Swedish Augustana Synod is the most influential Synod of the General Council in the West. Our relations to the Iowa, the Ohio, the United Norwegian, the United Danish, the Icelandic Synods, the General Synod and the Synod South will be touched upon by the Visitors whom the General Council has appointed to these various bodies.

Last week I received an application for admission from the recently organized

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Oregon and Washington,

signed by the President, the Rev. A. Schoenberg, and by the Vice-President, the Rev. W. I. Roehmer. This application, for various reasons, requires a most careful consideration.

The devil has been sowing the seeds of discord in our blessed

Mission Field in India.

An appeal by the missionaries Kuder, McCready, Arps and Mueller, together with an extensive correspondence between them and our Foreign Missionary Board, is appended to this my report. Without entering into the merits of the case, I deeply deplore the missionaries' hasty action in resigning and severing their connection with the Board instead of first laying their grievances before the General Council and awaiting the decision of this Convention. I am glad to state that Missionary Arps has since reconsidered his step, and is working under the Board in his field of labor in India. May the General Council, by the grace of God, settle the differences for the best interests of our mission.

It is a great dishonor to our country that matters belonging to the sacred institution of

Marriage,

and especially divorces and remarriages, are publicly treated in a frivolous manner. That the various States have enacted contradictory laws in this respect, is a source of bitter complaint. It is a deplorable state of affairs when the daily papers refer jokingly to the marriages between men and their mothers-in-law or their step-mothers. We should send a petition to Congress asking for uniform laws concerning marriages and divorces for the whole country. Our Committee on this subject will doubtless refer to this matter in its report.

Brethren, we live in a time when many turn from the truth to fables (2 Tim. 4:4; 1 Tim. 4:1) and ever-growing superstitions. Spiritualists, "Christian" healers and scientists, Mormons, new "heavenly prophets," Buddhistic theosophists, and others, organize societies and disseminate their pernicious tenets, and on the other hand atheists, materialists, agnostics, socialists and anarchists manifest their hatred of Church and State and the conservative principles of the same, while within the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Episcopalian denominations the exponents of the so-called higher criticism undermine the very foundations of Christian truth by attacking the Holy Scriptures, thus working in the interest not only of the infidels, but also of the Romish Antichrist and unconsciously furthering Romish errors and pretensions. In the midst of all these bitter contentions and parties that fight with a determination and decision unheard of in former times, we Lutherans, relying not on princes or political influence, not on wealth or powerful friends, but solely on the protection of our Lord, must well remember St. Paul's admonition: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Cor. 16:13), and proclaim the truth of the old saying:

Gottes Wort und Luthers Lehr',
Vergehet nun und nimmermehr.

EDWARD F. MOLDEHNKE,
President.

The report was received and referred to the appropriate Committee.

APPLICATION OF THE SYNOD OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

That portion of the President's Report referring to the application of the Synod of Oregon and Washington for admission to

the Council, together with said application, was referred to a special Committee, subsequently appointed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President appointed as tellers: For President and Treasurer, Rev. Elmer F. Krauss, J. B. Oakleaf, Esq., and Mr. Joseph A. Bremer; for the Recording Secretaries, Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, Rev. H. A. W. Yung, and Mr. F. Henrich; and for the Corresponding Secretaries, Rev. Dr. M. C. Ranseen, Rev. A. F. Siebert, and Rev. E. Neudoerffer.

After a third ballot for President, the following officers were declared elected:

President—Rev. Dr. Mattis C. Ranseen, Chicago.

English Recording Secretary—Rev. William K. Frick, Milwaukee, Wis.

German Recording Secretary—Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Swedish Recording Secretary—Rev. Gustaf A. Brandelle, Denver, Col.

English Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Dr. Stephen A. Repass, Allentown, Pa.

German Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Alexander Richter, Hoboken, N. J.

Swedish Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Carl A. Blomgren, Ph. D., Philadelphia.

Treasurer—William H. Staake, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.

(The Presidents of the several Synods, excepting that from which the President is chosen, are ex-officio the Vice-Presidents of the General Council.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

The hours of the Business Sessions were fixed at 9 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 4:30 p. m., the evening services to begin at 8 p. m.

Rev. Dr. Seiss gave notice of his intention to present a motion on the consolidation of the Home Mission Work.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Henry W. Roth, the Council welcomed Rev. N. S. Thorlaksson, Official Visitor of the Icelandic Synod, and Rev. B. B. Jonsson, of the same Synod, who accompanied him.

The Abstracts of Synodical life and activity during the past

biennium, as prepared by the Presidents of the various Synods, were received, and ordered to be incorporated in the Minutes.

ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

I. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States held two Conventions in the last two years,—one at Philadelphia, June 2d to 7th, 1898, and one at Reading, Pa., May 25th to 30th, 1899.

During the same period there were twelve deaths of ministers; 14 were dismissed to other Synods, and 14 were received from them; and 45 candidates were ordained to the office of the Ministry. There are on the roll of the Ministerium 349 ministers; 510 congregations and 126,069 confirmed members. Its accessions during the last year were 8,569, and its losses 4,727. It has 20 parochial schools with 39 teachers and 1,508 pupils. Its Sunday-schools number 520, with 9,051 officers and teachers and 85,104 pupils.

According to the Minutes of the Synodical year ending May 24, 1899, the contributions of the congregations during that time were as follows: For congregational purposes, $644,980.86; for educational and charitable purposes, $64,624.69; to aid students preparing for the Ministry, $5,751.85; for Missions on its own territory, $14,987.27; for the General Council's English Home Missions, $9,317.69; for the General Council's German Home Missions, $1,722.18; and for Foreign Missions, $8,249.75. During the same year 42 students were aided in preparing for the Ministry and 56 missions, located within the bounds of the Synod, were sustained.

The educational institutions of the Ministerium have been making commendable progress and increasing their means of usefulness.

Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, has received $5,186.86 from bequests, which were added to its endowment fund, and its indebtedness has been decreased by more than $10,625.00. Two new scholarships of $1,000 each have been endowed, and $100 paid in on a third. Liberal donations to the Biological Laboratory and Cabinets have been made, and the Library has been increased by gifts of books. The enrollment of students during the past year was the largest in the history of the institution. The College

sustained a severe loss in the death of Prof. M. H. Richards, D.D., one of its ablest Professors, who had been connected with it for many years. He has been succeeded in office by the Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D.

The Theological Seminary at Philadelphia has increased its endowment fund by the addition of over $5,000 through bequests made to it, and reduced its debt by the payment of $16,500. Much-needed improvements have been made to the buildings and grounds, and the facilities for the accommodation of the institution greatly augmented. A convenient chapel building has been fitted up, which also includes additional and enlarged reading-rooms and other conveniences, at a cost of nearly $3,700. There were 92 students in regular attendance during the last Seminary year, at the close of which 33 were graduated. Instruction is imparted in the English and German languages.

The Institutions of Mercy, located within the territory of the Ministerium, and in whose management and control it is to a greater or less extent represented, have all been enabled to continue their blessed work.

The Orphans' Home, at Germantown, has been in existence 40 years. According to its report submitted to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania May 26, 1899, there were then in the Home 104 children, and in the Asylum 32 aged people. The endowment fund amounted to $37,782; the expenditures for the year were $12,010.75. Since the completion of additional buildings, the Home is capable of accommodating 150 children, and the Asylum 45 persons.

A new Orphans' Home has been established at Topton, Berks County, Pa., by the Reading Conference of the Synod. A farm of 107 acres has been purchased and a large building, 115 feet front by 65 feet in depth, has been erected on high ground, commanding a magnificent view. The grounds and buildings were dedicated to their uses Sept. 14, 1899, at which time also it was expected that 25 orphan children would be admitted.

The Mary J. Drexel Home and Deaconess Motherhouse at Philadelphia, in its report to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, shows four departments of Church work carried on in its Home and under its supervision: 1. The Deaconess training school for probationers; 2. An Old People's Home; 3. A Children's Hospital; 4. A Girls' and Little Children's School. The number of

Deaconesses has increased to 70. They are employed as follows: At the Old People's Home on the grounds in Philadelphia, 1; the Children's Hospital, 6; in the Girls' School, 5; in the Little Children's School, 2; at the German Hospital, standing on the same grounds, 35; in Parish work in two churches in Philadelphia, 2; in the Hospital at Easton, Pa., 4; at St. John's Home for the Aged, Allegheny, Pa., 1; at St. John's Hospital, on the same grounds, 5; at the Deaconess Motherhouse at Milwaukee, 1 as Probemeisterin. This shows the varied and extended character of the work in which these devoted Deaconesses are engaged, and that their labors are more and more appreciated by the Church, and that their numbers are gradually increasing. The German Hospital at Philadelphia has again been enlarged and new motor, water, heating, and electric lighting plants installed, through the liberality of its President, Mr. John D. Lankenau. It is now capable of accommodating 200 patients at one time in its wards and private rooms. During the past year 3,728 sick persons were admitted to its beds and 34,000 treated in its Dispensary. The annual outlay in the prosecution of its merciful work is about $70,000.

At its Convention, held in Philadelphia in 1898, the Ministerium celebrated the 150th anniversary of its establishment. Appropriate services commemorative of this event were held in Zion and St. John's Churches, and on the Seminary grounds at Mt. Airy. Greetings were also received from various Synods, and from the Franckean Institutions at Halle, Germany. A memorial volume was published containing the earlier history of the Ministerium, which is brought down to the year 1821. A second volume in continuance of that work is in course of preparation. It was proposed to raise a fund of $150,000, in connection with the celebration of this event, for the Church and educational work of the Synod. Collections for this Fund are still being made.

The Ministerium will hold an adjourned meeting in Philadelphia next January, for the consideration and discussion of doctrinal and practical questions. SAMUEL LAIRD.

II. The Ministerium of New York.

The New York Ministerium held its 107th Convention from August 18 to 23, 1898, in St. Johannis Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. J. Nicum, D.D., pastor; and its 108th Convention from June 8 to 13, 1899, in the Ev. Luth.

Dreifaltigkeits Church, Rondout, N. Y., the Rev. A. Schmidtkonz, pastor.

The Ministerium now has on its roll 160 ministers, serving 158 congregations, of which number 127 are in official connection with the Synod. The entire number of communicants under the care of Synodical pastors is 51,099. The Sunday-schools number 169, with 3,528 teachers and 37,961 scholars. Of parochial schools of all kinds there are 87, with 135 teachers, including pastors, and 4,438 pupils.

During the past year the contributions for purposes specifically Synodical reached the sum of $11,475.53. For all church and benevolent purposes, exclusive of moneys expended in the congregations, $36,217.52 were contributed. For all congregational purposes the amount raised was $391,590.15. By a special effort made to pay off its indebtedness, the Synod raised upwards of $3,900. The Executive Committee gave financial assistance to 9 missions and to 10 young men preparing for the ministry.

Wagner College was attended by 41 students during the past year. Its total expenses were $6,362.42. The Rev. J. Nicum, D.D., continues its efficient director.

The publication of the "Herold," the Synodical paper, was successfully continued. The debt of the paper has been covered, and its publication now yields a surplus. With reference to the transfer of the "Herold" to the General Council, the Synod declared its willingness to sell its paper to the Council for the sum of $2,000, and appointed a committee to formulate the details of an eventual transfer.

A Committee of the Synod is at work upon a thorough revision of its By-laws, and is to render a report at the next meeting of Synod.

The organization of new missions has been actively conducted, and the number of English missions and congregations in particular has greatly increased during the past years.

GEO. C. F. HAAS,
President.

III. The Pittsburgh Synod.

The Pittsburgh Synod held two meetings since the last Convention of the General Council, at East Liverpool, O., August 31 to September 5, 1898, and at Butler, Pa., May 31 to June 5, 1899. These meetings were characterized by harmony and activity, and much good work was done.

Numerically the Synod's showing is as follows: Ministers, 138; Congregations, 205; Communicants, 27,077; Accessions: by infant baptism, 1,691; by confirmation, 1,419; by letters of transfer, 780; Catechumens, 1,212; Sunday-schools, 197; Teachers, 1,756; Scholars, 18,886.

Contributions: Synodical Treasury, $8,569.44; Pentecost Offerings, $1,161.80; Ministerial Relief, $267.79; Church Extension, $1,374.24; Orphan Work, $2,019.96; Thiel College, $764.51; General Council Home Missions, $1,935.81; Foreign Missions, $2,392.66; Local Objects, $160,933.80; Other Benevolent Objects, $6,209.46. Total contributions, $184,625.47.

Twelve young men received aid during the year in their preparation for the ministry, amounting to $1,489.50.

Six of the pastors of our Synod have been called from the labors on earth to their reward in Heaven, as we verily believe, since the last meeting of the General Council. Most of these were tarrying in the evening of life waiting for the call of the Master to summon them home.

At its several last sessions this Synod has discussed the question of calling its President away from the labors of his parish and requiring him to give his entire time to the discharge of the duties of his Synodical office. The proposition has many earnest advocates, but as yet the Synod has not seen its way clear to adopt the measure. The decision in favor of it will doubtless be reached in the near future.

The Synod calls attention to Australia as a mission field, which should receive attention from the General Council as soon as practicable.

The Synod, with great unanimity, adopted the following resolutions respecting the observance of the Lord's Day:

Resolved, 1st. That this, the Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, hereby declares and puts on record as its serious judgment and testimony, that the increasing practice of employers, and especially of the large companies and corporations, of compelling their men to do ordinary and unnecessary work on Sunday, does violence to God's order and arrangements and injustice and injury to those who are thus oppressed, depriving them of their needed bodily rest and hindering the discharge of their religious duties, and their enjoyment of the blessings of public worshp.

Resolved, 2d. That we view with deep regret and apprehension the common practice of devoting Sunday to merely worldly amusements and diversions instead of consecrating its hours to the pleasant and elevating

services of the church, and to private efforts to meet the higher demands of the spiritual nature.

A. L. YOUNT,
President.

IV. District Synod of Ohio.

Two Conventions of this body have been held since the last meeting of the General Council. The 42d session was held in Toledo, Ohio, from the 9th to the 12th of June, 1898. The Synod was attended more largely than usual, there being present 32 ministers and 23 lay delegates. Four ministers from other bodies were added to the Synod's roll, one young man ordained, and two congregations received.

Five missions were sustained during the year, at an expense of $799.16, and 3 students at an expense of $425.

The statistics of this session reveal the following: Infant baptisms, 302; adult baptisms, 66; confirmations, 402; from other Lutheran churches, 177; received from other denominations, 18; restorations, 27; losses by death, 106; losses by transfer, lapse and removal, 148.

Church societies reporting, 50; Sunday-schools, 55. Number of members of Church societies, 2,724; of Sunday-schools, 5,825. The Church societies contributed for all objects, $4,579.35; Sunday-schools contributed for all objects, $2,244.42.

A paper on "Ministerial Acts and the Responsibility for Them," and one on "The Underlying Principles of Liturgical Worship and Their Application in the Service of Our Church," constitute the Appendix of the Minutes of the 41st Convention.

The 43d Convention was held at Loyal Oak, Ohio, from the 1st to the 5th of June, 1899. There were present 30 ministers and 18 lay delegates. During the year two pastors were dismissed to other Lutheran bodies, and one received from another Lutheran body. Three congregations were received.

The boundary-line question between this Synod and that of the Pittsburgh Synod was brought up and resolutions adopted by which it is hoped that the Pittsburgh Synod will see the propriety of standing by the advice of the General Council. A committee was appointed by the Synod to meet a similar one of the Pittsburgh Synod to come to a settled agreement upon this vexed question.

Action was taken to secure larger contributions towards the Disabled Pastors' Fund.

The statistics for the year are as follows, a number of congregations not reporting: Communicants, 9,553; Accessions by adult baptism and confirmation, 434; from other congregations and denominations, 196; restorations, 35; losses by death, 120; by transfer, lapse and removal, 197; infant baptisms, 444.

Sunday-schools reporting, 49; officers, teachers and scholars, 4,954; contributions for all purposes, $2,347.12.

Church societies reporting, 52; officers and members, 2,913; contributions from all sources, $2,298.59.

The Synod has sustained four missions at an expense of $650, and three students at an expense of $350.

The work of missions upon this territory looks small, but attention must be directed to the fact that another Synod operates within the State, drawing funds and students to its Ministry which, by resolutions of the Council ought, legitimately, to belong to this body.

The next Convention of this Synod will be held in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta, Ohio, on Thursday after Trinity, 1900.

F. RICHARDS,
President.

V. The Augustana Synod.

The Augustana Synod has held two Conventions since the last meeting of the General Council—one at Galesburg, Ill., June 2d to 9th, 1898, and the other at St. Paul, Minn., June 9th to 16th, 1899. At the latter Convention Dr. P. J. Swärd, who had served as President for eight years, bade farewell to the Synod and the work here to return to Sweden to enter the service of the State Church. The undersigned was then elected President, and Dr. C. E. Lindberg, of Rock Island, Ill., Vice-President. Rev. J. T. Kjellgren, of Scandia, Minn., and Mr. C. G. Thulin, of Moline, Ill., were re-elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively. All were elected for a term of two years.

Since the last meeting of the Council 28 theological students have been ordained to the holy Ministry, 2 former ministers who had withdrawn from the Synod have been re-installed, 9 ministers have died, and 6 have withdrawn to other fields of labor, leaving a net increase of 15 ministers, and making the present ministerial roll of the Synod 453. The congregations number 887, church buildings 735, parsonages 315, communicant members 113,738, the whole enrollment 192,063. Children baptized 23,897, con-

firmed 9,945, children enrolled in the Sunday-schools 47,248, in parochial schools 18,637.

The contributions during the two years are as follows: For educational institutions, $78,462.92; for Home Missions, $53,468.43; for Foreign Missions, $11,064.46; for charitable purposes, $48,439.08. Total expenses for the two years, $1,722,087.59.

There are five educational institutions in the Synod, with an enrollment for last year of 1,609 students and 75 professors and instructors. The various Conferences of the Synod maintain six Orphan Homes, in which 263 children were cared for last year and 269 the year before. They also maintain two Hospitals—one in Chicago and one in St. Paul. The Synod also maintains an Immigrant Home in New York.

The work of the Home Mission Board of the Synod is confined to Utah, Idaho, and Montana, but the main work is done by the various Conferences of the Synod, each Conference having its own mission board. The following are the contributions from each Conference to Home Missions during the past year: Minnesota, $6,714.41; Illinois, $4,573.61; Iowa, $2,662.25; New York, $3,437.59; Kansas, $2,780.84; Nebraska, $3,832.39; Columbia, $675.58; California, $49.36. These figures, however, do not fairly represent the amount of work done, as a large number of pastors do missionary work in their respective districts gratuitously.

The Lutheran Augustana Book Concern, owned and controlled by the Synod, is located at Rock Island, Ill. It has erected a large and substantial building during the past year at a cost of over $22,000. During the past year it printed 98,610 books and pamphlets and 10,000 tracts. It prints an average number of 13,152 copies a week of Augustana, the official organ of the Synod; 11,882 copies a month of The Olive Leaf, an English Sunday-school paper; 39,766 copies a month of Barnen's Tidning, a Swedish Sunday-school paper; 2,416 copies of Augustana Journal, an English semi-monthly. The net profits for the year were $12,057.64.

The English Hymn-Book Committee submitted to the Synod, at its last meeting, a "Hymnal" containing 355 hymns, a large number of which are translations from the Swedish and the German. It was recommended for temporary use in the Churches and Sunday-schools of the Synod.

In connection with the last meeting of the Synod there was

held a celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the arrival of Rev. L. P. Esbjörn in America. Rev. Esbjörn was the earliest pioneer pastor of the Synod.

The only resolution of the Synod of any direct interest to the General Council is found on page 52 of the Minutes of 1899, and reads as follows:

"Resolved, That the Synod will continue, according to means and opportunity, to contribute to the General Council's mission in India, but that all contributions among us for this mission must be made according to the methods and regulations of the Synod and Conferences."

The next Meeting of Synod will be held in the First Swedish Lutheran Church of Jamestown, N. Y., June 15, 1900.

E. Norelius,
President.

VI. The Canada Synod.

Since the last meeting of the General Council the Canada Synod has held two Conventions—one at Logan, Ont., June 3-7, 1898, the other at Heidelberg, Ont., May 25-29, 1899, the later being the 39th Annual Meeting of the Synod.

The parochial reports for 1899 present the following statistics: 37 Ministers; 84 Congregations, with a communicant membership of 12,000, of whom 4,000 are entitled to vote. The total number of souls is nearly 20,000, all of these numbers being somewhat smaller than those of 1897, on account of the organization of the Manitoba Synod. During the past two years 1,300 infants and adults were baptized, and 1,177 persons confirmed. There are 74 Sunday-schools in the Canada Synod, with 612 teachers and officers, and 5,000 scholars. In 38 congregations parochial, or Saturday school, with 1,275 children, is held by the respective pastors. Three pastors from other Synods were received into the Synod. Three new churches were built and dedicated. Nine missions were supported in the last two years, at an expense of $4,092.

The following amounts were raised: For local purposes, $53,-431; for Home Missions, $4,142; for Missions of General Council, $977; for support of Invalid Ministers, $832; for various charitable purposes, $1,372.

In nearly all of our churches the Church Book of the General Council has been introduced during the last two years.

The officers of the Synod are: President, Rev. E. Neudoerffer,

Neustadt, Ont.; Vice-President, Rev. A. Plunck, Rostock, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. I. Goos, Elmwood, Ont.; Treasurer, Rev. E. Schuelke, Zurich, Ont.

E. NEUDOERFFER,
President.

VII. The Chicago Synod.

Since the General Council convened at Erie the Chicago Synod has had two Conventions. The first was held in St. Mark's Church, Whitestown, Ind., September 22-26, 1898; the other in St. James' Church, Vandalia, Ill., May 25-29, 1899. At the Whitestown Convention it was resolved that thereafter the Synod meet in the spring, instead of in the fall.

The reports of these two Conventions show that 8 ministers were received into Synod and 3 dismissed to other bodies. Three congregations were added to the roll. The number of ministers now is 29; of parishes, 27, three of which are vacant. The number of congregations is 44. There has been some radical and necessary purging of parish rolls. But with all that, our communicant membership has grown to 3,879. There has been a most commendable growth in our contributions. The report of the Treasurer says: "It will be noticed that the amount received during these eight months is nearly twice as large as during the previous year."

During the coming year the Synod will support one student at Thiel College, one at Gustavus Adolphus College, and one at the Chicago Theological Seminary.

The officers of Synod are the same as two years ago.

A notable event at our last Convention was the offer of a valuable and finely located property on the hill overlooking the city of Vandalia, consisting of several acres of land and two large buildings, for a Home for the Aged. Synod gratefully accepted this generous gift from Mrs. Dieckman, and arrangements are in progress for its early opening.

Our Synod is realizing more and more the great blessing that comes to it from having a Theological Seminary in its territory. Thirteen of its 29 pastors are graduates of our Seminary. Four congregations in Chicago and one near by have been gathered and are served by our graduates. We could use a number more if we had them. With this efficient source of supply, our Synod is going into a number of towns of Indiana and Illinois. In short, the Chicago Seminary will have to be depended on more and more

for our Home Mission work in the great West. Because our Seminary is doing such an efficient work in Home Missions and Church Extension, because she is training Missionary Pastors and Foreign Missionaries, this unendowed Missionary School looks to all who love our Church for their prayers and benefactions.

The next Convention of Synod will be held at Hicksville, Ohio, June 7, 1900. G. H. GERBERDING,
President.

VIII. English Synod of the Northwest.

The Eighth Meeting of the Synod was held in the beautiful new St. John's, Minneapolis, June 15-20, 1898; and the Ninth in the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, June 7-12, 1899. A Luther League Convention was held in connection with the former, and a Sunday-school Convention in connection with each. Article I of the Augsburg Confession was discussed at Minneapolis. At Milwaukee the doctrinal discussion gave place to the consideration (and adoption) of a Constitution for Congregations, based on that of the General Council, and incorporating matter otherwise found in By-Laws.

In these two years the number of ministers has risen from 13 in 1897 to 17 in 1899; congregations, from 13 to 17; communicants, from 1,165 to 1,888; Sunday-schools, from 13 schools with 131 officers and teachers and 1,274 scholars, to 17 schools with 189 officers and teachers, and 1,870 scholars; and general benevolence, from $585.08 to $809.58.

In 1898 the amount raised for congregational expenses was $20,695.10, and in 1899, $16,403.08.

Four churches were built during the biennium: St. John's, Minneapolis; St. Paul's, Red Wing; Zion, The Dalles; and St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn. Several churches were repaired and improved. A parsonage was built at Salem, Minneapolis.

The Synod ordained four men, all Chicago Seminary graduates, and all serving mission churches.

By the generosity of two laymen of the Synod, missions of much promise were started and sustained for a year in the flourishing cities of Racine and La Crosse, Wis. The General Council has assumed the latter. The former is in part fostered by the Chicago Seminary.

A "bond plan" has been set in operation by the Board of

Church Extension, in order to relieve four of the more heavily burdened missions of a portion of their indebtedness.

In 1898-9, $166.84 came in for General Council Home Missions, which was raised to $200 out of the Synodical treasury. A special day is to be set apart in each Congregation for the Chicago Seminary.

The West Coast work has suffered through the removal of missionaries and the abandonment of the Sherman County, Oregon, field, which proved to be lacking in available material.

With this slight exception the biennium has been one of widening activity and substantial success. Synod, realizing how inadequate all its present and projected plans are for caring for its immediate territory, crowded, as it is, with a rapidly-anglicizing Lutheran population, adopted the suggestion of the Central (or Minnesota) Conference, and hereby memorializes the General Council to place upon its territory a Sunday-school Field Secretary.

WILLIAM K. FRICK,
President.

IX. German Synod of Manitoba and Northwest Territories.

Since the last meeting of the General Council the German Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories has held one meeting at Winnipeg, Manitoba, July 14-17, 1898, 8 ministers and 4 lay-delegates being in attendance. At this Convention a paper on "The Justification of the World by Christ" was read by Rev. F. Beer.

It was resolved to recommend that in each congregation of the Synod two collections for Synodical and mission purposes should be taken annually; and further, to express our heartiest thanks to the General Council for the liberal manner in which it has supported our congregations and pastors since the establishment of the great and hopeful mission field of our Church in the western part of Canada.

A second meeting should have been held this year, but owing to the vast territory over which the congregations of the Synod are scattered the pastors and congregations assented, on the inquiry of the President, to hold the Synodical meetings hereafter only every two years.

During the past two years one church and two parsonages

were built, but two churches were destroyed by a cyclone, of which one was rebuilt.

There are now on the roll of the Synod 9 ministers and 53 congregations and preaching stations. The communicants number 3,250, and the whole membership is over 6,000. In nearly every congregation parochial or Saturday-school is held by the respective pastor and a few teachers.

The present officers are: Rev. M. Ruccius, Neudorf, Assa., President; Rev. W. Willing, Edenwald, Secretary; and Rev. E. Berthold, Gretna, Treasurer.

The next Convention will be held on the first full week of July, 1900, in St. John's Church, Edenwald, Assa.

M. Ruccius,
President.

The English Recording Secretary reported, and the Council accepted, the following

MEMORANDUM OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF 1897.

I. Church Book.
P. 63. Common Orders for Ministerial Acts.
P. 78. Various instructions.
P. 93. Colors for Festival Seasons.
P. 93. Minor Changes.
P. 129. Common Hymn-Book and Revised Translation of the Catechism.

II. District Synods, pages 37, 42 and 51.
P. 111. Boundary line between Synods.
P. 133. To bring Church Extension before Synod.

III. Discussions.
Fundamental Principles; Divorce and Remarriage, p. 133; and General Council's Relation to the Luther League.

IV. Foreign Missions.
Pp. 37, 42. President's and Synods' duty.
Pp. 42-43. Various instructions as to Debt; Provision for Missionaries' Children; Home and Foreign Mission Journal; Superintendent's entire time.
P. 88. Foreign Missionary Items in "The Lutheran."

V. General Synod.
P. 127. Conference with.
Pp. 128, 142. Arbitration in Home Missions.

VI. General Conference, p. 130.

VII. Home Missions.
P. 43. Home and Foreign Mission Journal.
P. 51. Reformation Day Collections; Apportionment.
P. 52. Traveling Agent, English.
P. 58. $5,000 a year for German Missions.
P. 61. Consolidation in Utah.
P. 97. Danish West Indies.

VIII. Jewish Missions, p. 98.

IX. Publication Matters.
Pp. 40, 78, 79. Instructions to Board.
P. 79. Lutheran Book Store.
P. 88. The Lutheran; p. 143, Editors of.
P. 91. Incorporation of Board.

X. Sunday-school Work.
Pp. 40, 41. Various publications; Remuneration of Writers; Conference with other Bodies.
P. 61. German Sub-Committee.

XI. Visitors to Various Bodies, p. 134.

On motion, the Council determined the following

SPECIAL ORDERS FOR THE SEVERAL DAYS.

Friday Morning.
Reception of Official Visitors.
Foreign Mission Work.

Friday Afternoon.
Sunday-school Work.
Immigrant Mission Work.

Saturday Morning.
English, German, and Swedish Home Missions.
Reorganization of Home Mission work in connection with the English Report.

Saturday Afternoon.

Report of the Publication Board.

Purchase of the "Lutherische Herold."

Discussion of Theses on the Relation of the General Council to the Luther League.

Monday Morning.

Discussion of the Theses on "The Divine Law of Divorce and Re-marriage."

Church Book and Sunday-school Book.

Monday Afternoon.

Jewish Mission Work.

Deaconess Work.

Tuesday Morning.

Reports of Visitors to General Bodies.

Conference with the General Synod (Minutes of 1897, p. 129.)

Arbitration.

General Conference.

Organists' Convocation.

Just before adjournment the newly elected President, Rev. Dr. Ranseen, was escorted to the chair by Rev. Dr. Seip and Rev. Dr. Mechling, appointed for that purpose by the Acting President.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. S. A. Ziegenfuss. Adjourned.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, September 29, 9:00 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by Rev. Dr. S. E. Ochsenford, English Secretary of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania: Hymns 256 and 435; Psalm cxxi.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of Thursday's session were read and approved.

The President appointed the following

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

1. On the President's Report—Rev. Drs. J. A. Seiss, Edmund Belfour, and G. W. Mechling, J. Boyd Duff, Esq., Mr. G. W. Johnson, and Mr. James C. Barr.

2. On the Reception of the Synod of Oregon and Washington—Rev. Drs. T. L. Seip and J. Nicum, Rev. I. Dietrich, L. M Kifer, M. D., and Mr. J. A. Bohn.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Wm. H. Staake, Esq., Treasurer, presented his report. The General Expense Fund was referred to an Auditing Committee, whose report is thereto appended.

Committee—Rev. J. L. Becker, Mr. J. L. Frederick, and J. B. Oakleaf, Esq.

Account of Wm. H. Staake, Treasurer.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

1897-1899.

Dr.

1897.				
	Balance from last audit			$ 232 10
1898.				
Jan. 11.	To Cash—Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Treasurer of Publication Committee for Eng. Minutes			580 52
June 15.	" "	Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Treasurer of Publication Committee		387 00
				$1,199 62
Sept. 20.	" "	Overdrawn		62 28
				$1,261 90

Cr.

1897.				
Oct. 20.	By Cash—Rev. J. Nicum, advanced to Rev. Ruccius for fare to meeting at Erie, Pa			$ 50 00
" " " "	Rev. W. K. Frick, Recording 1897 Minutes in the Protocol			25 00
1898.				
Jan. 11.	" "	Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., Expenses of Committee on Conference with General Synod and other Bodies		31 25
" " " "	Herald Printing & Pub. Co. (Erie, Pa.), for printing Eng. Minutes			580 52
Mch. 3.	" "	Herald Printing & Pub. Co. (Erie, Pa.), 5,000 Home Mission Reports.	$65 00	
		2,400 Envelopes, etc., for same	6 90	
				71 90
June 16.	" "	Wartburg Printing House:		
		Printing German Minutes	$298 00	
		Postage German Minutes	57 80	
				355 80
" " " "	Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., expenses attending Convention of United Synod of the South at Newberry, S. C., as Official Visitor of the G. C.			31 20

July 11.	By Cash—Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., deficit in expenses of Committee in connection with 1st Convention of Lutheran Organists and Church Musicians held in Philadelphia June 1, 1898	$10 19	
" " " "	Rev. L. A. Johnston, expenses attending Convention of United Danish Synod at Greenville, Mich	19 04	
" " " "	Board of Publication of G. C. on Rev. W. K. Frick's account (expense as Official Visitor to United Norwegian Church, June, 1898)	5 00	
Sept. 8. " "	Rev. Alfred Ramsey, traveling expenses as Official Visitor to Icelandic Synod	6 00	
1899.			
Aug. 8. " "	Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., expenses at Convention of Church Musicians held at Pittsburg in June	26 00	
Sept. 4. " "	Rev. W. K. Frick, Secretary, expenses	25 00	
" " " "	Rev. W. K. Frick, Secretary, expenses	25 00	
			$1,261 90

The above account, having been carefully examined by us in all its particulars, we do hereby certify that we have found the same correct both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

JAMES L. BECKER,
J. B. OAKLEAF,
J. L. FREDERICK.

Sept. 29, 1899. Auditing Committee.

GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND.

Dr.

1898.				
Aug. 17.	To Cash—Wm. Hengerer, Chairman		$	45 00
Sept. 30. " "	L. P. Keller			5 00
Oct. 8. " "	F. M. Riter			5 00
Oct. 31. " "	W. W. Kurtz			5 00
Nov. 14. " "	J. K. Mosser and Son			10 00
" " " "	Oliver Williams			30 00
Nov. 30. " "	Through C. Schimmelfeng, Warren Pa.,			
	1st Eng. Luth. Ch., Pittsburg, Pa.	$12 00		
	Christ Ev. Luth. Ch., Pittsburg, Pa.	3 50		
	St. John's Church, Erie, Pa.	5 00		
	Luther Memorial, Erie, Pa.	5 00		
	St. Luke's, Erie, Pa.	1 00		
	1st Church, Leechburg, Pa.	3 50		
	1st Church, Greenburg, Pa.	2 00		
	1st Ev. Luth. Ch., Warren, Pa.	8 00		
				40 00

Dec. 15.	To Cash—		Rev. H. F. Scheele, Staunton, Va			$70 00
Dec. 20.	"	"	From Gen. Synod, per W. C. Stoever			13 00
" "	"	"	From Gen. Synod, per W. C. Stoever			45 00
Dec. 22.	"	"	Mr. Tadiken			50 00
Dec. 24.	"	"	City Balto., per W. F. A. Kemp, M. D			30 00
Dec. 27.	"	"	A. F. Fox			10 00
" "	"	"	Prof. S. P. Sadtler			5 00
" "	"	"	Dr. Hamma	$10 00		
			Dr. Weber	5 00		
			Mrs. Kuder	5 00		
			Mr. J. H. Kaasler	3 00		
						23 00
" "	"	"	Jas. N. Mohr			5 00
" "	"	"	Cash			11 00
" "	"	"	Wm. H. Staake			5 00
						$407.00

Cr.

1898.						
Dec. 27.	By Cash—		Dr. Owen			$23 45
Dec. 29.	"	"	Dr. S. A. Ort			30 00
" "	"	"	Rev. W. A. Passavant			13 00
" "	"	"	Rev. J. C. Kohler			7 00
" "	"	"	Rev. L. S. Smith			14 60
" "	"	"	Dr. Wm. H. Dunbar			3 00
" "	"	"	Dr. E. K. Bell			29 05
" "	"	"	Dr. Geo. Scholl			7 00
" "	"	"	Dr. D. H. Bauslin			30 00
" "	"	"	Dr. F. A. Kähler			13 25
" "	"	"	Rev. H. F. Scheele			16 00
" "	"	"	Dr. J. Nicum			9 00
" "	"	"	John Atkins (Sexton)			10 00
" "	"	"	Prof. F. V. N. Painter			20 30
" "	"	"	Dr. E. T. Horn			2 00
" "	"	"	Dr. E. E. Sibole (for Sexton)			5 00
" "	"	"	Dr. M. W. Hamma			7 00
" "	"	"	Dr. H. E. Jacobs			3 75
" "	"	"	Dr. H. E. Jacobs			16 10
" "	"	"	Dr. T. E. Schmauk			4 58
" "	"	"	Dr. G. U. Wenner			3 00
" "	"	"	Dr. Wm. S. Freas			4 25
" "	"	"	Dr. W. E. Parsons			6 00
" "	"	"	Dr. S. E. Ochsenford			9 30
" "	"	"	Dr. J. R. Dimm			11 00
" "	"	"	Rev. J. A. W. Haas			6 50
" "	"	"	Dr. E. T. Wolf			9 50
" "	"	"	Revenue Stamps			26
" "	"	"	Postage			50

1899.		
July 20.	By Cash—Dr. S. E. Ochsenford	$ 9 68
" "	" " Dr. W. S. Freas	4 20
Sept. 25.	" " Balance on hand	78 83
		$407 00

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1897-1899.

To Cash—Rev. Hugo Grahn, Agent of the Committee, and others, as acknowledged in "Missionsbote" and "Foreign Missionary"		$34,368 92
" "	Balance from last audit	1,973 59
" "	Transferred from Artman Memorial Fund	401 57
" "	For Miss Schade's School Building	232 56
" "	From a donor who desires name withheld, "interest only to be used"	2,000 00
" "	Rev. B. W. Schmauk, "interest only to be used"	500 00
		$39,476 64

Cr.

The Treasurer craves credit for the following disbursements:

By Cash—Rev. John Telleen, salary		$ 2,650 00
" "	Rev. Dr. H. C. Schmidt, salary	2,337 88
" "	Rev. R. Arps, salary	1,889 10
" "	Rev. H. E. Isaacson, salary	1,709 58
" "	Rev. F. J. McCready, salary	1,375 00
" "	Rev. C. F. Kuder, salary	748 50
" "	Rev. E. H. Mueller, salary	1,024 72
" "	Rev. Dr. Hugo Grahn, salary and expenses	367 10
" "	Rev. Peter Holler, salary	1,272 79
" "	Miss Agnes Schade, salary	1,137 50
" "	Miss Lottie Swenson, salary	1,000 00
" "	Miss Kate Sadtler, salary	1,000 00
" "	Rev. John Telleen, traveling expenses	935 90
" "	Rev. John Telleen, 500 Mission programs and expenses	59 33
" "	Rev. John Telleen, printing matter	260 86
" "	Rev. Peter Holler, traveling expenses	575 00
" "	Rev. E. Edman, on Rev. Isaacson's account	127 25
" "	Lydia Woerner, M. D., outfit to India	100 00
" "	Rev. Dr. H. C. Schmidt, general expenses	12,513 79
" "	Rev. Dr. H. C. Schmidt, Christmas gift	25 00
" "	Rev. Dr. H. C. Schmidt, altar covers	20 00

By Cash—		Rev. Dr. H. C. Schmidt, for building Girl's School at Rajahmundry	$1,650 00
"	"	Rev. Dr. H. C. Schmidt, dormitory	1,000 00
"	"	Rev. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, for organ on Dr. Schmidt's account	61 28
"	"	Rev. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, on Rev. Dr. Schmidt's account	84
"	"	"The Lutheran," on Rev. Holler's account	8 25
"	"	Germania Publishing Company, on Rev. Holler's account	14 69
"	"	Rev. C. Bertelsman, on Rev. Holler's account	48 00
"	"	Rev. E. R. Cassady, on Rev. Holler's account	14 50
"	"	American Tract Society, on Rev. Holler's account	38 58
"	"	Germania Publication Board, on Rev. Holler's account	5 25
"	"	Rev. Dr. Hugo Grahn, laid out on traveling expenses on account of Rev. Holler	26 38
"	"	A. Schumacher & Co., freight to India, on Rev. Holler's account	30 79
"	"	William Spiess, 12 Photos, on Rev. Holler's account.	5 00
"	"	Rev. Dr. Severinghaus, on Rev. Holler's account, Schuyler S. S. paper	50
"	"	King & Richardson Pub. Co., on Rev. Holler's account	1 50
"	"	Ernst Kauffman, on Rev. Holler's account	19 59
"	"	Open Court Pub. Company, on Rev. Holler's account	2 00
"	"	Rev. Warneck, on Rev. Holler's account	35 00
"	"	Rev. Wm. A. Schaeffer, postage and cash for cablegram	19 45
"	"	Rev. F. Wischan, Syrian Orphanage	5 00
"	"	Rev. F. Wischan, Schneitler's Orphanage, Jerusalem	3 45
"	"	Rev. L. H. Gerndt, Dr. Nottrott's India Mission	5 00
"	"	Allentown National Bank, on Rev. Kuder's account.	390 00
"	"	Rev. U. W. Fern, on Rev. Isaacson's account	9 00
"	"	Rev. August Johnson, on Rev. Isaacson's account	5 00
"	"	Lutheran Augustana Book Concern, on Rev. Isaacson's account	31 75
"	"	"The Lutheran," on Rev. Isaacson's account	6 00
"	"	"The Lutheran," subscription of Rev. John Shunk	4 00
"	"	E. N. Miner, typewriter, for Rev. E. H. Mueller	30 00
"	"	Marie Redenbacher, on Rev. E. H. Mueller's account	44 44
"	"	A. Schumacher, on Rev. E. H. Mueller's account	8 20
"	"	Presbyterian Ministers' Fund, Rev. Mueller's life insurance	25 08
"	"	Rev. Huhn, on Rev. E. H. Mueller's account	12 00
"	"	Rev. Dr. Samuel Laird, Treasurer, interest on Seminary loan	184 40

By Cash—Rev. Dr. Samuel Laird, Treasurer, balance of principal of $3,000 of Seminary loan		$1,500 00
" " E. August Miller, Treasurer, Luth. Miss. and Ch. Ex. Soc. fees, etc., of Rev. John Shunk		15 00
" " Rev. John Shunk, return of contribution		24 17
" " Rev. John Shunk, transferred to For. Miss		50
" " Emigranten House		1 00
" " Sufferers in India		158 41
" " R. E. Perkins, postal cards and printing		6 50
" " Transferred to Miss Schade's School building Fund.		232 56
" " Contribution of Endress Miss. Soc. of St. John's Church, Easton, Pa.—charged twice		15 00
" " Services of Sexton		10 00
" " Check of E. H. Kandlehart, returned as not sufficient		3 60
" " Sundry expenses, postage, expressage, discount Canada money, car fare, etc., etc		25 00
		$36,865 96
September 20, 1899. Balance on hand		2,610 68
		$39,476 64

The above account having been carefully examined by us in all its particulars, we do hereby certify that we found the same correct both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

J. Wash. Miller,
Jos. A. Bremer.
September 20, 1899. Auditing Committee.

"FOREIGN MISSIONARY."

Dr.

To Cash—Received from Rev. Grahn, Agent		$1,783 82
" " Other parties, for subscription to "Foreign Missionary"		33 50
		$1,817 32

Cr.

By Cash—Morgan R. Wills, proprietor of the Norristown Herald, printing 23 copies of "Foreign Missionary"		$1,417 52
" " Rev. E. E. Sibole, expenses		30 00
		$1,447 52
September 20, 1899. Balance on hand		369 80
		$1,817 32

The above account having been carefully examined by us in

all its particulars, we do hereby certify that we found the same correct both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

J. WASH. MILLER,
JOS. A. BREMER,
Auditing Committee.

September 20, 1899.

"MISSIONSBOTE."

1897-1899.

Dr.

To Cash—Received from Rev. Dr. Hugo Grahn..... $4,252 79

Cr.

The Treasurer craves allowance as follows:

By Cash—		Edward Stern & Co., printing 22 numbers M. B.....	$2,359 16
"	"	Edward Stern & Co., printing postal cards.....	10 00
"	"	Edward Stern & Co., printing 2,000 extra copies M. B.	6 00
"	"	Edward Stern & Co., printing Order Book.....	7 50
"	"	Frank Leslie's Pub. House—cuts for papers.....	21 24
"	"	National Illustrating Company, electros for papers..	14 33
"	"	Cassell Pub. Company, cuts and electros for Mission papers.....	48 64
"	"	Press Engraving Co., electros and cuts for Mission papers.....	11 24
"	"	Photo Chromotype Engraving Co., cuts, electros and maps.....	12 30
"	"	Beck Engraving Company, cuts and phototypes for papers.....	30 02
"	"	Phila. Photo Engraving Co., reproducing Church...	1 26
"	"	Jno. G. Maier, binding 2 M. B.....	1 00
			$2,522 69
		September 20, 1899. Balance on hand.....	1,730 10
			$4,252 79

The above account having been carefully examined by us in all its particulars, we do hereby certify that we have found the same correct both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

J. WASH. MILLER,
JOS. A. BREMER,
Auditing Committee.

September 20, 1899.

MISS AGNES SCHADE'S SCHOOL BUILDING FUND.

1897-1899.

Dr.

1899.		
Sept. 20.	Balance on hand	$596 09

The above account having been carefully examined by us in all its particulars, we do hereby certify that we have found the same correct both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

J. Wash. Miller,
Jos. A. Bremer,
Committee.

September 20, 1899.

The several reports of the Treasurer, as audited, were adopted.

RECEPTION OF OFFICIAL VISITORS.

Rev. N. Steingrimr Thorlaksson, Park River, N. Dakota, the Official Visitor of the Icelandic Synod, presented his credentials, and addressed the Council on the condition of his Synod and the growing sentiment in favor of union with this Body.

On motion the floor was granted to Rev. Bjorn B. Jonsson, of Minneota, Minn., Secretary of the Icelandic Synod, who gave further explanations. These addresses were heard with great interest and called forth numerous expressions of approval and good will.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Seiss, it was

Resolved, That, having heard these presentations in regard to the Icelandic Synod, the General Council will appoint a Fraternal Visitor to the next Convention of the Icelandic Synod.

OFFICIAL REPORTER.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Seiss,

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz be appointed to confer with the reporters of the daily press.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Bierdemann,

Resolved, That the General Council expresses its regret that an erroneous statement as to the action of certain members of the Council has been printed in some of the local papers of Chicago, and the General Council calls upon the members of the press to correct the misstatements made.

The reading of the Foreign Mission Report, by Rev. Dr. W. Ashmead Schaeffer, Corresponding Secretary, was then begun.

The Lord's Prayer was said. Adjourned.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, September 29, 2:00 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. John Telleen, Superintendent of Foreign Missions: Hymn 295, Psalm lxxxvii, Rom. x, Prayer, Hymn 305.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The morning Minutes were read and approved.

Rev. John E. Whitteker was appointed as Official Reporter in place of Dr. Schantz, resigned.

The Special Order was dispensed with, and the reading of the Foreign Mission Report was concluded.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

(For Report, see Appendix.)

On motion,

Resolved, That the Foreign Mission Report be referred to a Special Committee.

Committee—Rev. Drs. A. Spaeth, G. H. Gerberding, F. Richards, A. L. Yount, E. Norelius, S. E. Ochsenford, J. Boyd Duff, Esq., A. J. D. Wedemeyer and P. S. Zieber, Esq.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Kunzmann. Adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, September 30, 9:00 A. M.

Rev. Prof. Geo. H. Gerberding, D. D., of the Chicago Theological Seminary, conducted Matins: Hymns 501 and 7, Psalm xxiii, Rom. x, and Hymn 275.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with from this session on. The Minutes of Friday afternoon were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Schmauk, chairman, read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

The Sunday-school work of the General Council was inaugurated by Dr. E. Greenwald in 1868, i. e., one year after this body's organization, by the publication of his excellent "Questions on the Gospels." In 1869, just thirty years ago, the General Council first took up the matter of Sunday-school Literature, and appointed a Committee on the subject, with Dr. H. W. Roth as chairman. In 1873 the appearance of the "International Lessons" marked an epoch in all Sunday-school work; and in 1874, on motion of Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, a committee was appointed to report on aids to Sunday-school instruction. In 1875, the Committee, with Dr. Greenwald as chairman, presented a lengthy report, and a new Committee, consisting of Drs. Greenwald, Mann, Fry, Spaeth, Kunkelman, Wagenhals, Geissinger, and Revs. Mayser, Telleen, and Hatlestadt, was appointed to prepare aids for instruction. In 1877, the "Lesson Leaves," originated and edited by Dr. J. Fry, and published by the Lutheran Book Store, with a circulation of 15,000 copies, appeared. In 1880, these "Church Lesson Leaves" were recommended by the Committee (Dr. Greenwald, chairman), which said:

> "All our Sunday-schools ought to be distinctively Church schools. Our own doctrines ought to be exclusively taught in them. No other than our own Sunday-school Books, Lesson-leaves and papers should be used in them."

The Committee also recommended the elementary German graded books prepared by Dr. A. Spaeth and Rev. W. Wischan; the Pilger "Biblical History," and "Lessons for Primary Sunday-schools."

Dr. Greenwald remained chairman of the Sunday-School Literature Committee until 1886, when, at Chicago, on motion of Prof. R. K. Buehrle, the Committee was superseded by a new Committee on Sunday-School Work, which henceforth became a standing Committee of the Council. The members of this new Committee were Revs. Ohl, Fegley, Richards, Frick, Spieker, and Messrs. R. K. Buehrle and R. A. Baer. The Committee was instructed to report on a graded system of instruction for the Sunday-schools. The following year, 1887, the Committee again was urged to prepare plans for such a system, "in view of the Church's pressing need of prompt and definite action in the mat-

ter of introducing a uniform system of instruction into our Sunday-school methods." In 1888 the Committee brought in a full report on a graded course of study, on which the Council took no action, and in which, among many other things, the Committee urged the use of the Wall Pictures published by Justus Naumann, Leipzig, for use in the Primary Department.* The Committee was instructed to arrange and issue a series of Scriptural Sunday-school Lessons. It was ten years ago, at Pittsburgh, that the Committee reported their having assumed charge and their editing of "The Church Lesson Leaf" and "The Helper," in accordance with the plans provided in their course of the year before.

The Work of Dr. M. H. Richards.

From this period on to 1895 "The Helper" and "Church Lesson Leaf" were edited in behalf of the General Council by Dr. M. H. Richards, who had succeeded Dr. Fry some years earlier (early in the '80s) as the editor and leading contributor. For all these years Dr. Richards furnished the questions, comments, lesson analyses, practical inferences, Bible Class Topics, and Talks with Teachers.

In 1895, when the present Sunday-school Work Committee was organized, Dr. Richards was asked to become its chairman, and he furnished the "Questions" part of the "Story Applied," and the "Bible Class Topics" of the new "Scripture Quarterlies." Shortly after he had completed his work for the current year, ending November, 1899, death overtook him, and closed his busy and useful career in connection with the General Council Sunday-school Work. Since his death, the editor of the Committee has been acting as editor and chairman. For the last two years he has had the efficient editorial assistance in certain departments, of Rev. J. C. F. Rupp, a member of the Committee.

Present Work of the Committee.

In conjunction with the Board of Publication, the Committee is developing the General Council Graded Sunday-school System from year to year, and in addition to Teachers' and Scholars' "Scripture Lesson Quarterlies," is now publishing an annual

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*The difficulty with these pictures seems to be that there are only twenty-four of them, fourteen for the Festival Half of the year, and ten for the Sundays after Trinity.

"Teachers' Bound Commentary"; "Bible Story," in bound and in quarterly form, teachers' and scholars' editions; and "Bible History" in three similar forms. It is also furnishing "Sunbeams," a lesson paper for the Primary Department. With the appearance of "Bible Geography," which is for use in either Sunday, parochial or secular schools, and should command a more ready sale than any of the text-books thus far issued, the Intermediate and Senior Departments of our schools will be fairly well provided with means for instruction.

Size of the Series.

The English Series is constantly growing in circulation, and by Advent six different Quarterlies and six bound text-books will probably be on the market. The two German publications, and the lesson paper, swell the total number of separate publications to fifteen.

The total issue of The Lutheran Sunday-school Series now exceeds 100,000 copies annually. The General Council has the capacity to absorb double this quantity of literature, and should it do so, the income for the Church will be great. The English Series alone runs over 90,000 copies in amount, and by Advent of this year is expected to reach the 100,000 mark. Three years ago at this time the total subscription list was less than 3,000. By January it had run up to 30,000. Two years ago, when the Council met at Erie, it had reached 60,000 copies. Both this Committee and the Publication Board, which began almost entirely without any capital, have labored under serious disadvantages in reaching this present result, and are grateful for the support given to the Series by the Church. Of the English publications, over 12,000 copies are used in the Primary Department, over 13,000 in the Intermediate, and over 60,000 copies are for the Senior Department.

Primary and Kindergarten Instruction.

The chief embarrassments of the Committee have been in the Primary work. For many years Primary teachers have been requesting a good apparatus. As early as 1888 the need of a standard set of Primary Wall Picture Charts was urged before this body. In 1895, and again in 1897, the Committee was authorized to prepare such Picture Wall Charts. Readers of "The

Lutheran" will remember that immediately after the last Convention of the General Council at Erie, the Sunday-school Committee and Board of Publication, after clearing the way of obstacles, prepared a full series of Picture Designs covering all the lessons treated in this current year, and finally succeeded in arranging with a first-class German-American lithographic firm of great capital and resources to print the Charts in four colors and to guarantee a better quality than that of the International Wall Charts, at such a rate that the Charts could be sold at $5.50 per set, provided that 750 sets were taken. The firm further agreed to print the Scripture lettering of part of these sets in the German, and part in the Swedish language, if desired. But, to the surprise of all concerned, less than 100 sets were subscribed for, and the proposed contract with the publishers, who had made special inducements for the General Council's benefit, had to be rescinded. One main reason given by parties not subscribing was that these Charts would have cost more per year than the International Charts. Another objection, urged particularly by pastors, was that our Primary schools ought to have a permanent and not a yearly set of Charts. While this Committee agrees in the main with the latter parties, it takes the position that it is not yet prepared to issue a standard permanent set of pictures for the Primary school, for which the yearly sets were intended to pave the way. Such pictures should be selected with the greatest care, and should not be reproductions from the "Old Masters," as is commonly supposed. They should be chosen with due reference to the fact that the scholar will meet a multitude of graded series pictures later on in Bible Story, Bible History, Bible Geography and Bible Biography. Though the subjects to be depicted should be chosen on their own merits and only with reference to the needs of the Primary child, yet the particular illustrations should be so selected that the pictorial part of the graded series, as a whole, will be harmonious, without unnecessary repetition, and suited to the age of the scholar in each case. The Charts should be executed with great skill, and be backed substantially with muslin or heavy paper, involving the outlay of more capital than the Publication House, as yet in its infancy, will be able to spare during the coming year. The Committee believes that the issue

of such a permanent set should be delayed for two or three years. Meantime, next year, "Sunbeams" will furnish an improved lesson picture for Primary scholars every Sunday, and if there be sufficient demand, small hand-cards for the Primary scholar, containing this picture and the memory text, can be issued. Furthermore, the Committee proposes to furnish a two-years' series of special Kindergarten Lessons for the smaller Primary scholars in next year's (fall of 1900) Teachers' Scripture Quarterlies; and it this year presents a careful and complete plan for the reorganization of our Primary Departments on what it believes to be a proper basis. If the Council so directs, it will be prepared to furnish a Primary Teachers' Quarterly, with a complete lesson worked out for every Sunday in each of the three Primary Divisions, according to the plan to be proposed, and containing hymns, memory passages, and all the work for each Sunday in the three Primary Departments. In place of the Picture Chart instruction in the highest division, the Primary lessons now being used will be substituted in connection with hand-cards, as a temporary matter.

Recommendations of the Committee.

I. A Complete Sunday-School System.

With the intention of providing a practical plan for the thorough instruction from year to year of the rising generation, as it passes through our Church schools, in such a manner that when the children's minds are mature, they will have mastered in a natural order from stage to stage both the letter and the life of God's saving Word, your Committee recommends the following for adoption as

The General Council Sunday-school System of Grading and Instruction.

(See pages 50 and 51.)

II. A Common Schedule of Lutheran Sunday-School Lessons.

Two years ago the General Council authorized its Sunday-school Work Committee "to confer with similar Committees of other Lutheran Bodies which may be desirous of substituting a

series of Lutheran Lessons for other systems." No sound reason of doctrine or policy can be urged against such a common system. Every reason for a Common Service, a Common Translation of Luther's Catechism, a Common System of Gospels and Epistles, applies in the Lutheran Church to a common set of lessons for Sunday-school study and instruction. When once a clear and generally recognized "Lutheran System" is established, its value to the Church as over against the International System, and the confidence it will establish among the young people in our congregations, will be evident to pastors of all the bodies. Such a Common System will not commit those using it to common fellowship, or to common publication interests, any more than the Common Catechism Translation thus commits them. Last January the Publication Board of the Joint Synod of Ohio resolved to discontinue the use of the International lessons.* At the meeting of the General Synod at York this year, its Sunday-school Committee brought in a report to the effect that the International lessons "are not fully meeting the demands of our Lutheran Sunday-schools for a complete, thorough and systematic study of God's Word. We believe," they say, "that the time has come for the General Synod to formulate a series of lessons more fully in harmony with the Church Year. We feel confident that by such an arrangement great gain would result to our Lutheran Church. In the opinion of your Committee," they say, "the General Synod, at this meeting, ought to take steps toward formulating a series of graded lessons for use in the Primary and Intermediate Departments of our schools." This report was referred to a special committee for action at the next session of the General Synod. If such action as this (which the General Council is already putting into practice), is in the intention of the General Synod, it would be deplorable if either body should leave any stone unturned to secure agreement, and to prevent two rival Lutheran Sunday-school systems from springing up in the face of the larger International schedule. Therefore your Committee

Recommends that it be instructed to confer with the Committee on the General Synod Report, and ascertain whether there be not some possibility of arriving at a basis on which a Common Lutheran System can be inaugurated.

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* But unfortunately (in the view of this Committee), it has resolved to take up the different Lutheran systems of Pericopes. Why such a basis is objectionable was pointed out in "The Lutheran" of Feb. 9, 1899.

Such a system, if established, could probably not go into operation in less than four or five years.

III. A General Council Standing Committee on Education.

[To take charge of the General Field and co-operate with the Sunday-school Committee in Parish Education.]

The General Council does not know anything of the Sunday-school work—the progress, the drawbacks, the methods and the means of instruction that are being used—in the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Augustana Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod, or in any of the bodies connected with the Council. It has only the slightest hold on the whole subject of Education. In the higher education, it takes no cognizance whatever of the educational work of the Colleges and Seminaries within its bounds, in its business deliberations. On the whole subject of the common or parish education, it has no Committees excepting those on Sunday-school Work and on Statistics. There is no Committee on Parish Schools. Of the Sunday-schools, we simply know how many they, and their teachers, pupils, officers and scholars, number. We do not know how many of these schools are English, how many German, how many Swedish, and how many bi-lingual. Nor how many of them have introduced the graded system of instruction. Nor how many of them are using our own order of service and our Sunday-school Book. Nor do we know in how far effort is made properly to join Sunday-school and Catechetical instruction on the one hand, and Sunday-school and Parish-school instruction on the other. The Church is dependent on her schools for the future. And the Council should take such a general hold on the subject of education as will afford guidance and stimulus to the Synods of which it is composed, without in anywise abridging the liberties of the latter bodies. The Committee therefore

Recommends that a standing Committee on Education be appointed by this body, to take such educational matters in charge as do not properly fall to the Committee on Sunday-school Work, and as may be agreed on in a consultation between these two Committees.

IV. The German Sunday-school Work.

Your Committee, in connection with the German Sub-Committee, encountered great difficulties in beginning the German

Sunday-school work. It rejoices that under the able guidance of Rev. G. C. F. Haas, the German Scripture Lesson Quarterlies and a splendid German edition of Bible Story, superior to the English in many respects, are now on the market. The support of the entire German part of the General Council should be given these publications.

Report of the Sub-Committee on German Sunday-school Work.

At the request of several Synods the General Council, at its meeting in Erie, Pa., two years ago, resolved to enter upon the publication of German Sunday-school helps, "according to the schedules and methods of the Sunday-school Work Committee." A Sub-Committee on German Work was appointed to carry this resolution into effect. (See Minutes of General Council, 1897, p. 61.) At the same time the Council entered into a contract with Mr. Louis W. Kaufmann, for some years past publisher of German Sunday-school Lesson-leaves prepared and edited by members of the New York Ministerium. By this contract Mr. Kaufmann was accorded the right to publish the General Council Lesson-leaves in German for a period of three years, the Council's Sub-Committee to furnish him the copy, whilst he agreed at the expiration of the three years to transfer to the Council his subscription list and all his rights and title in the leaves without further pecuniary consideration.

The German Sub-Committee, appointed with the instructions and under the conditions mentioned, proceeded to organize immediately after the meeting of the General Council. Owing, however, to the unwillingness of some of the appointees to serve and the lateness of the season it was deemed impossible at once to effect the change in the Lesson-leaves from the International System, on which they had up to that time been conducted, and they were continued for the first year on the old plan, and not avowedly as a General Council publication. In July, 1898, several of the remaining members of the Committee resigned, leaving of the original Committee chosen by the General Council only Revs. Geo. C. F. Haas and G. C. Berkemeier and Mr. L. W. Kaufmann. The Committee was therefore compelled to reorganize, and did so at the suggestion of the General Committee. The present members, in addition to the three above mentioned, are Revs. C. R. Tappert of Meriden, Conn., and Emil Roth of Brooklyn. This Committee prepared and edited the Lesson-

leaves from Advent, 1898, on. The General Council Lesson schedule was substituted for the International, and the general plan and method of the English leaves was followed as far as feasible, yet the work of the Committee, though based upon the English, is not a mere translation. Thus the English and the German Lesson-leaves, though each adapted to the peculiar needs of its constituency, are yet of one mould and can be used conjointly and, so far as the English Teachers' Book is concerned, supplementally.

The Committee asks the General Council whether, inasmuch as the German brethren of the Council have requested the Council to issue German Sunday-school Literature, and as the Council has complied with this request and German Sunday-school Lessons are now being issued for it, it would not be wise

To Resolve, That we recommend these Lessons to all German Congregations within our bounds and request our Synods to do what they can in introducing the same.

In August, 1898, before the reorganization of the Committee, the undersigned, editor of the German Sub-Committee, entered upon the work of putting "Bible Story," the first of the graded series of Sunday-school helps, into a German garb. He was kindly assisted in this work by Revs. J. W. Loch and J. W. Hoffmann of Brooklyn, and C. G. Fischer of Elizabeth, N. J., to whom the thanks of the Council for efficient aid in this undertaking are due. In the German book the stories with their accompanying pictures and memory-texts are the same as in the English book. The main difference of the two, apart from that of language, lies in the substitution of a greater number of questions on the story-text for the questions with answers in Scripture-words. This change was deemed expedient because of the lack of a teachers' book in the German, and because the story itself in German follows the Scripture words somewhat more closely than the English. Both books can be used conjointly.

The book, "Biblische Eszählungen," was ready for the printer by October 1, 1898, and it is to be much regretted that it could not have appeared in print by Advent or Christmas, 1898, as the book was expected by many and would have made an easy entry where now it may be more difficult to place it.

Respectfully submitted, your Committee,

GEO. C. F. HAAS,

New York, Sept. 5, 1898. Chairman.

V. Icelandic Series.

The Icelandic Sunday-schools have adopted the General Council's System, and publish a flourishing and ably edited monthly of 16 pages, in which the English Scripture lessons are reproduced with point and effect.

VI. Swedish Sunday-school Work.

The schools of the Augustana Synod are provided with Sunday-school literature by the Augustana Book Concern. To what extent the schools of the Synod use it, and what this literature is, the Committee is not informed. We note, however, the publication last year of a compact and excellent little Bible History for schools and the home, by the Augustana Book Concern, under the authorization of the Augustana Synod. Such Augustana schools as need literature additional to that which the Augustana Book Concern publishes, should not depend on unsound International Lesson supplies, but should use the literature belonging to the General Council.

The Committee recommends that, if possible, an arrangement be made whereby a rebate may be allowed to the Augustana Book Concern for General Council supplies used in Augustana schools.

VII. Continuation of General Council Apparatus.

1. Resolved, That the Committee on Sunday-school Work be and is hereby instructed to continue the preparation, and the Publication Board the publication, of the following Sunday-school apparatus:

The present "Scripture Lesson," "Bible Story," "Bible History" and "Bible Geography" Quarterlies; and of "Sunbeams;" and that the Board of Publication pay the same amounts at the same times as heretofore to the Committee for expenses, as already provided for by the Council two years ago.

2. Resolved, That the action of the Council two years ago, authorizing the Committee to publish such other Sunday-school literature as in the judgment of the Committee will prove useful to the work, and in the judgment of the Board will prove financially justifiable, be re-affirmed; and that those bodies be directed to publish "Primary Teachers' Quarterly," and an Intermediate and Senior Scholars' Magazine.

3. Resolved, That the action of the Council two years ago, giving the Committee authority to make such changes in all new editions of its apparatus as it may deem advisable, be re-affirmed.

4. Resolved, That the Board of Publication be directed to execute the contract the Council now has with Mr. E. Kaufmann, and assume the publication of the German Scripture Quarterlies at the earliest pos-

sible date, and that if the publication is financially successful, an allowance be made to the German Sub-Committee for its expenses.

5. Resolved, That the Board be directed to issue a German (Sunbeams) Primary Paper, and to get such further German graded work under way as the German Sub-Committee and the Sunday-school Work Committee may agree on, and the Board may deem itself able to execute.

VIII. The Board of Publication.

The Committee on Sunday-school Work desires to testify to the able manner in which its efforts have been seconded and furthered by the Board of Publication, and to direct attention to the Board's great and often unrecognized share in the work of successfully creating all our Sunday-school Literature, without capital and without any original fixed constituency.

Credit to Writers.

Credit should be given to Prof. W. K. Frick, Dr. H. W. Roth, Rev. E. L. Trafford, Rev. J. Stump, Rev. W. A. Snyder, Dr. H. H. Bruning, Dr. E. G. Lund, Dr. T. W. Kretschman, Rev. W. L. Hunton, Rev. J. W. Horine, Rev. E. P. H. Pfatteicher, Rev. R. Morris Smith, Rev. A. F. Siebert, Rev. W. A. Lambert, Rev. E. Grahn, Rev. J. E. Whitteker, Rev. J. Groff, Rev. C. Jefferis, Dr. A. T. Clay, and a number of others, for anonymous work of various kinds done on the Sunday-school Series.

Election of Members.

The vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Richards should be filled. The Committee suggests that the Council strengthen the Committee by adding some of the younger men who are already indefatigable and competent laborers in the work.

Meetings of the Committee.

The membership of the Committee is so widely scattered East and West that it is impossible to assemble it more frequently than once in two years. Business in the interim is transacted by the method of circuit correspondence.

T. E. Schmauk,
Chairman.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL SUNDAY-SCHOOL SYSTEM

...OF...

GRADING AND INSTRUCTION.

PRIMARY:

1.—Kindergarten Division. (To 5 or 6 years of age.)
Group Method. (Preferably some mothers in charge.) Short Stories of Heavenly Things. Short instruction in little companies. Lord's Prayer gradually, and little memory verses.

2.—Children's Division. (6 to 8 years of age.)
Individual Method. Commit hymns and Scripture to memory, and recite individually before the others. Lesson by blackboard and blocks. Sand Map. Hymns to be sung from memory. 23d Psalm and Ten Commandments to be learned thoroughly. Two years' Kindergarten Series of Lessons. Correct the habits and train the character of the child.

TEACHER SELECTED.

3.—Junior Division. (8 to 10 years of age.)
Class and Department Method.—New Testament Picture Charts. Old Testament Picture Charts. These to be taught by Department Teacher. Commit Apostles' Creed, Beatitudes, and extended parts of Scripture, and hymns, in classes under the new class teacher.

TEACHER PROMOTED WITH CLASS.

INTERMEDIATE: *

F—Bible Story Grade. (Average age of 11.)**

E—Bible History Grade. (Average age of 12.)

D—Bible Geography Grade. (Average age of 13.)

C—Bible Biography Grade. (Average age of 14.)

B—Bible Teachings Grade. (Average age of 15.)

A—Bible Literature Grade. (Average age of 16.)

CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION.

CONFIRMATION.

SENIOR:

1.—Scripture Lesson Division. First Year Seniors.

CLASSES RE-ADJUSTED.

2.—Normal Training Division. Second Year Seniors.

3.—Missionary Teachers' Division. Second Year Seniors and Permanent Membership.

4.—Permanent Adult Division. Bible Class. Scripture Classes.

* In districts where the Intermediate Grades of secular schools are characterized by numbers and not by letters, the proper numbers should be inserted in this "System" in place of the letters.

** Both the age of Confirmation, and the pupils' stage of advancement, differ greatly in different localities. Where persons are confirmed at the age of 14, the age for Bible Story would be 9. In general, the age from 9 to 11 may be set down for Bible Story; from 10 to 12 for Bible History; from 11 to 13 for Bible Geography; from 12 to 14 for Bible Biography; from 13 to 15 for Bible Teachings; and from 14 to 16 for Bible Literature.

REMARKS.

1. **This plan is** intended as a pattern and suggestion to schools desiring guidance. It is not mandatory. It is simple, but covers the whole ground definitely.

2. **Only two** separate rooms are absolutely essential.

The Primary Department can be divided into three classes in one room; and the Intermediate and Senior Departments can utilize the main room.

3. **For the Primary,** one apartment with three screen-curtains or other movable partitions, is recommended.

4. **The Intermediate** Grades should be introduced in a gradual and quiet way, without disturbing any existing relations. By starting only with the new scholars, which can always be done, it will take six or seven years to put the Grades into complete operation.

5. **It will be seen** that the Intermediate Grades are in six stages. There is a new text-book and an ascent every year, and the cost is not great, being distributed over six years. From the time the class leaves the Primary Department it finds itself making steady progress on the upward grade, and it will be well to advance the teacher with the class. The highest and final level of the Scripture text is not reached until the pupil is at the age of 14, 15, or 16 years. He will then be prepared for the study of Scripture text, for which, under the ordinary old-time methods, he is often unfitted.

6. **Notice** that in this system there is a steady progress, not only in grade, but in method, corresponding to the different periods of development in the child-mind.

7. **Notice** that this system expects every child to attend catechetical instruction when a certain grade is reached, and that not more than a year after confirmation the classes are to be readjusted. Those scholars who are sufficiently gifted to become part of the teaching forces of the school, should be put either into the Normal or the Missionary Class at this period, before their enthusiasm and devotion at this time of Confirmation has worn away. All who are willing to become regular teachers and faithful workers, should be put into the Normal Class, which should have one year's practical instruction in training. The more unwilling ones, who are capable, but who are not able to make up their mind to regular work, should be put into the Missionary Teachers' Class. They become occasional substitute teachers; and in this class, the Scripture Lesson for one Sunday in advance is taught.

Substitutes should never be drawn from the Normal Class. The elements of the class not fitted for teaching can be put into the Bible Class.

8. **Classes** should be begun in the highest grade of the Primary Department, and teachers for them should be taken from the Normal Class. Thus the school becomes self-perpetuating. The Primary School is connected closely with the six links of the Intermediate Department. The children's class, formed in the last Primary year, is pliable and experimental in its membership for that year. It then runs through to the time of Confirmation. At this critical period the readjustment is effected and the working and perpetuating forces are separated from the more passive elements, and put to use.

9. **Occasionally** a class refuses to be reorganized, and it can be continued as a permanent Scripture Lesson Class.

10. **The Weekly Teachers' Meeting** for the study of the Lesson, or the Weekly Lecture on the Lesson by the Pastor, is not done away with or disturbed. The Scripture-Quarterly Lesson should constitute the subject, as heretofore. The grade teachers are interested in this because it is the Responsive Reading Lesson of the whole School, and the Lesson on which closing remarks or Blackboard Review is based. This Scripture Lesson Study should be preceded or followed by a ten-minute study of the Grade Lessons (several minutes on each Grade). This will give each teacher a suggestive outlook into all the Grades and mutual interest in each other's work. The Grade teachers need only very brief instruction, as their work is clearly mapped out in the text books. Where two teachers' meetings can be held successfully in one week, one of them may be devoted to the Scripture Work, and the other to the Grade Work. Nothing can be more profitable or stimulating than the weekly consideration of the six-grade work together by the Grade teachers. In the Normal and Missionary Classes, systematic instruction should be given both in the Scripture and in the Grade Work.

11. **Notice** that this system of instruction is the most excellent one before the Church for Parochial Schools. It can be used as a Kindergarten and Primary, and a two-years' Intermediate Course in such schools, omitting the Senior Department, and making several modifications.

When the Lutheran Church is ready for Parish Education, an arrangement can be presented interlinking the work of the Parish School, the Public School, and the Sunday-school.

12. **This System** of Grading should become as familiar to Teachers and Scholars as are the grades in the secular schools.

The supplies for the Primary, the first four Intermediate, and the Senior grades can be had at the Publication House, 1522 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

The various recommendations, including a System of Grading, were adopted in order, and the report was then adopted as a whole. The German Sub-Committee was continued.

On motion of Prof. C. W. Foss,

Resolved, That with a view to the introduction and use of our Sunday-school literature, the Board of Publication of the General Council be authorized to grant a discount on the same to Publication Boards of Lutheran Bodies not organically connected with the General Council.

PROTEST OF MISSIONARY KUDER.

Rev. C. F. Kuder offered a protest against certain statements touching himself, found in the Foreign Mission Report.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Roth,

Resolved, That this protest be referred to the Committee already appointed on the Foreign Mission report.

Rev. Jacob C. Kunzmann, Superintendent, read the

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE ENGLISH HOME MISSION BOARD.

The condition of the missions will be seen from the table of statistics included in this report. St. Paul's, at Red Wing, Minn., has become self-sustaining. We feel certain that in the near future at least several of our missions will be transferred to the self-sustaining list, and that the appropriations to the others will be able to be materially decreased without loss to our missionaries and with great gain to our missions. St. Luke's, of Goodhue, Minn., and Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis., have been received on our funds. Other equally deserving missions have been denied aid, and promising fields have not been entered because of a lack of means. Those who fully understand the nature of the work, are acquainted with the direct and indirect results of our operations, and have any appreciation of the difficulties—financial and otherwise—encountered and overcome, will award due credit and honor to the Superintendents and Missionaries for the achievements of the past, and will look hopefully into the future. Much has been gained, not only for the General Council, but for the entire Lutheran Church. The missionary horizon has been enlarged, and we behold a field stretching from Boston, Mass., across this great continent to Portland and Seattle. We see foundations laid and leading centers occupied for a rich and coming harvest. The outlines have been drawn, and we must go earnestly to work to fill in the picture.

The Board has held its regular quarterly as well as special meetings for the transaction of important business.

I. Change of Superintendents.

On September 20th, 1898, the Rev. J. E. Whitteker resigned, informing the Board that he had accepted a call to the pastorate of Grace Church, Rochester, Pa., but that he would be willing to render partial service temporarily at greatly reduced salary. The Board, whilst recognizing that "the entire time of a Superintendent of Missions is required for the performance of the duties of the office," entered into a temporary arrangement. At the same time it was resolved to secure "a Superintendent to enter upon his work as soon after the first of April as possible." On January 24th, 1899, at a meeting specially called for the purpose, it was resolved that "inasmuch as the relation of the present Superintendent to the Board will terminate April 1st, 1899, we now enter upon the election of a Superintendent who can give his whole time to the work." The agency of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society was continued with the office. "A number of names were then presented for the consideration of the Board, after which the Board proceeded to ballot. The result of the ballot was the unanimous election of the Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, of Pittsburgh, Pa." The call extended was, after due consideration, accepted, and the work entered upon Easter Monday, 1899.

II. The Work.

This is so varied that we view it in its three divisions: the debt, the superintendency of missions, and the agency of the Church Extension Society. The first is now eliminated, and we hope that a similar condition may never confront or harass the Board again. The work of superintending the missions must now be undertaken and be completed before or by the beginning of the new year in order that sufficient attention may be given to the Church Extension Fund. Time is the most important factor in all our operations, and the Church should give such aid to the Superintendent as to enable him to wisely invest it and accomplish the utmost possible within the space of each year.

1. The Debt.

"The distressing problem" contained in last report was still unsolved. The increasing debt consisted of decreasing annual deficits. It was a problem of hope and fear—hope in that the

Churches increased their contributions, and fear in that annual deficits increased the debt. The timely legacy of $5,000, less the State tax, from the estate of Miss Schaefer, of Philadelphia, reduced the deficit of this biennium, and yet the Board found itself indebted to the amount of $12,000. Efforts for its removal had been made. The Board again earnestly discussed the subject and again its members pledged a large portion of the amount required to lift off the burden, and the work was undertaken.

The salaries of the missionaries and expenses of the Board were running on; the Reformation period, the season specially devoted to the gathering of funds for Home Missions, had been long past, the time for Sunday-School, Conference and Synodical Conventions was at hand, when the work had to be begun. After the meetings of Synods had closed, the heated term, with its lethargy in Church work, was fast approaching. It was foreseen that, whatever the hindrances in the way or the seeming inopportuneness of the time, the debt must be removed before the Convention of the General Council, so that these collections might not interfere with the Reformation offering (where large increase is needed to keep the work out of debt and prosperous for the future), and that the Superintendent might be able to proceed to the Pacific Coast on the adjournment of that body for a helpful visitation of missions.

This was the first part of the work, and to this undivided attention was given. The matter was presented at all the Conventions and Synods the Superintendent could reach. In the meantime, and especially after their close, the subject was presented to the leading Churches of our prominent centers, and a personal canvass was inaugurated, and continued to the middle of August, when many of our abler churches were closed. In the meantime the agitation was kept up by private correspondence, by articles in "The Lutheran" and other periodicals. Names were also gathered of persons who might be able to contribute larger and smaller sums. Hence, when we could not proceed, for the time being, with the personal canvass, we utilized the list of names and addresses secured, and sent out personal letters and printed appeals. About one month was devoted to this work. Nine thousand appeals were sent out, containing as much information as we could crowd into them. A general interest was aroused. About one thousand responses were received, and the contribu-

tions ranged from ten cents from the children and the poor, to one hundred dollars of people in comfortable circumstances. It was a month of anxiety on the one hand, and of unceasing pleasure on the other. The gifts of the young, the contributions of the elder and the donations of the aged and infirm, with explanations and words expressive of sympathy and love for the work, clearly demonstrate that our people are ever ready to help and will do if opportunity is afforded. As we pen these lines a pastor announces the gift of $25, devoted to this cause by a dying woman "as a parting offering for the peace and trust God has given her." We expect to find additional fruit of that appeal in our coming Reformation offerings.

The sending out of appeals in this manner and in such large numbers was a method so novel in our work that we were gratified at the response made.

It was simply a part of the system adopted for the cancelling of the debt. Accordingly, we sent a request to our pastors to give our people an opportunity to make a final offering on Sunday, September 24th, the last Sunday before the meeting of the General Council. From the responses we have received up to this date, September 30th, we feel certain that the Superintendent can proceed to the visitation of our missions.

The places visited for this work were Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Lancaster, Norristown, Pottstown, Spring City, the Trappe, Boyertown, Allentown, Easton, Bethlehem, Mansfield and East Liverpool, Ohio. But Minneapolis, Minn., Brooklyn and New York, Binghamton, Buffalo, Utica, Newark, N. J., Reading, Erie, Leechburg, and others sent in liberal contributions.

A Few Remarks on this Subject.

"All things work together for good to those who love God." Satan had closed our purses and meant it for evil, but God has overruled it. He has shown us what our people can do and what they will do if given opportunity. We now plead for increased offerings to keep the Board out of debt. It is as poor a policy to consume the Superintendent's time in raising money to furnish provisions for missionaries as it would be to send the generals to the farm to raise produce for the soldiers in the presence of the enemy.

We would also use this occasion to entreat all our brethren

to help in this work. The labors of my predecessors, burdensome and great because of the vastness of the field, were made more difficult and onerous by the indifference of some. Though nothing has been lost which cannot be regained by diligence, yet the debt itself would have been removed the sooner if all had felt their personal responsibility as did our most devoted brethren. We are thankful, profoundly thankful, for the help extended and for the new impetus and encouragement given to the work, but to attain the prize for which the Lutheran Church has been called, some things must be "left behind," and so far behind as to be forgotten.

2. The Visitation of Missions.

Lack of funds has kept the Superintendent among our Parishes gathering money, whilst the missionaries were compelled to struggle on with their little flocks under burdens and difficulties sufficient to crush them, and that on meagre and unpaid salaries. They have been pleading in vain for the representative of the Board to come among them with counsel and help and cheer, so that unitedly they may labor for the successful establishment of their congregations. The blessing of the debt is in its removal; its curse was in its impending presence. We therefore expect that a careful inspection of our missions and a working with them and a calling into activity all their energies will do much to strengthen and enable them the more speedily to reach the point of self-sustentation. We can expect the workman to accomplish most when his necessities have been supplied and we have furnished help to remove difficulties which are too great for him unaided.

The Missions east of Chicago may be reached easily and with little expense of time and money. It is our purpose to devote three months, if needed, to those west of that city, beginning with the Pacific Coast. Some of these are heavily burdened with debt, and by its removal they will be self- sustaining. But the spiritual life needs also to be strengthened and developed. The Sunday-schools, Leagues, Associations, Church Councils and Congregations can be encouraged, and thus rendered more active and useful in the work of the Church.

3. The Work of the Church Extension Society.

With the Superintendency of Missions, the agency of the Church Extension Society has been connected from the beginning.

It is chartered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It now has a capital of $47,517.42, which is a permanent Church Extension Fund to assist missions and needy churches in securing lots and erecting churches. The payment of $50.00 at one time secures life membership, and of five dollars annually regular membership.

It has at present a membership of five hundred, and an effort is to be made to increase it to at least one thousand in the next biennium. The Society will also hold funds in trust for work in certain localities, as it now holds $2,200 specially devoted to Church Extension in Philadelphia. If this fund were large enough to enable us to take the interest-bearing mortgages of some of our missions, the Home Mission treasury could expend the money now paid their missionaries toward the establishing of new missions. This is a permanent, increasing and never-decreasing fund.

After the return from the visitation of missions, the Superintendent will devote all his time until Easter to this most useful and important department for mission success. The purpose is to agitate the subject, beginning with New York, in our leading cities, and to send out the pyramids at the beginning of the Lenten season and invite the concentration of our self-denials to this object. Much has been done by the former Superintendents. It has grown steadily and its importance has been increasingly felt. Successful missionary activity cannot be conducted in this age without a large Church Extension fund. Why not?

Times have changed, and whilst the Gospel never changes, methods must. This is thoroughly Lutheran, because Evangelical. We must missionate where the people are, and they are in the cities, and in the cities a good lot costs more money than a mission can pay, more money than they can pay interest on in addition to the erection of a chapel and other necessary expenses. Hence we desire the Mission and Church Extension Society to be put into a condition to be able to say to such people: "If you will secure enough money to buy the lot, the Society will loan you so and so much money without interest for five years to erect a chapel, or it will loan you enough to pay for the lot, on satisfactory security, if you erect a chapel." This will help, and nothing will be lost, as the fund remains intact. In 1790 there lived in cities of a population of 8,000 and upward 3 35-100 out of every hundred and in 1890 it was 29 10-100. From 1880 to 1890 the population in one-half of the rural townships decreased, whilst the population

of the United States increased by 13,000,000. In the North Atlantic division of states more than 50 per cent. of the population live in cities of 8,000 and over. And if we take in towns of 3,000, more than 75 per cent. When our forefathers came from Europe and settled on farms, it was no hardship and required little sacrifice for one man to donate an acre or two, and they all bring their teams, dig out the foundation, cut timbers, etc., and erect their log churches. But now the beginning of a mission in our cities is well nigh impossible without a Church Extension fund. Our Germans and Scandinavians are in the cities, and if we are to save their anglicizing children to this Church (and they have few means) lots must be bought and churches built in cities, and hence we must give special attention to this part of our work.

4. The Unification of the Work.

In the matter of the unification of our English Mission work we also ask that the Council overture the District Synods to make effective in practice what the Council has unanimously, and the Synods with one exception, approved in principle. We believe that the ultimate policy of the Council in its mission work will be unification, and that it is a loss of time and waste of energy to delay. The purpose of the organized Church is mission activity, and for the Council, stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, to have no definite and comprehensive mission plan to propose for the entire territory, to its Churches, shows lameness in the first essential to success. Small work awakens small interest and obtains just what we have been receiving, small means. Show our people large things, encourage them to do large things, and the results will be surprising. We would not discount the work already accomplished under many discouragements and disadvantages. But we have overcome these and stand equipped in all parts except organization for the greatest advance of the age. If we plan great things, under God we will accomplish them. If we organize for a "national" work, we will do it. Let us draw up our plans and specifications, and make them comprehensive, and then set to work to gather the materials and build.

5. Recommendations.

It was also resolved that the various Synods be asked to assume the following apportionments for the next two years:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$12,500 00
Pittsburgh Synod	5,625 00
Ministerium of New York	2,500 00
District Synod of Ohio	2,500 00
Chicago Synod	1,250 00
Synod of the North-West	625 00
	$25,000 00

And further, that each Synod be requested to apportion the amount assigned it to its several congregations and urge its complete and speedy payment.

That Synods be requested to urge the pastors and congregations to uniformity in the observance of the Sunday nearest Reformation Day for special offerings in Church and Sunday-schools for the Home Mission work.

The recommendation (page 43, Minutes 1897) of the Council with reference to the publication of a Home Mission Journal, etc., is kept under advisement. We believe that a well-edited monthly publication devoted to Home Missions and Church Extension, moderate in price and widely circulated, would aid in developing a still greater interest in the work. The "Lutheran" has been and will continue to be an invaluable help.

The instruction on page 52 has been practically carried out by the removal of the debt.

We ask that 10,000 copies of the report of English Home Missions be separately printed for distribution by the Board.

In addition to the 334 missions under the supervision of the District Synods and the German Home Mission Board, we submit the tabulated statement setting forth the condition of the English Home Missions of your Board.

MISSIONS UNDER THE BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

(For other General Council Missions, see Appendix.)

Place.	Name.	Pastor.	Communicants.			Sunday-Schools.		Benevolent Contributions.	Property.	Value.
			Number.	Loss.	Gain.	Enrollment.	Gain.			
1. Boston, Mass.	St. Mark's	Edwin F. Keever	146	...	28	78	37	$120.00	Church	$6,500
2. Newark, N. J	Grace	M. S. Waters	111	29	42	129	15	126.00	Church	12,750
3. Syracuse, N. J	Redeemer	U. J. Klingensmith	240	30	80	278	29	40.00	Church	9,000
4. Toledo, O	St. Matthew's	H. Peters	150	2	62	186	61	122.00	Church	6,800
5. Anderson, Ind	St. John's	W. J. Finck	62	15	22	94	—2	56.00	Church and Parsonage	5,500
6. Decatur, Ill	First English	H. A. W. Yung	120	6	8	160	14	101.80	Church	17,650
7. Chicago, Ill	St. John's	W. A. Sadtler	84	8	36	105	13	114.40	Church	9,000
8. Milwaukee, Wis	Redeemer	W. K. Frick	240	31	64	220	4	280.00	Church and Parsonage	18,400
9. Goodhue, Minn	St. Luke's	M. E. Boulton	44	...	9	65	....	44.84	Church	2,500
10. St. Paul, Minn	Trinity	C. L. Warstler	64	12	20	115	loss	74.00	Church	3,500
11. Minneapolis, Minn.	Salem	Geo. H. Trabert, D.D.	108	51	54	161	42	140.00	Church and Parsonage	8,000
12. Duluth, Minn	St. John's	S. W. Kuhns	72	43	20	110	—12	80.00	Church and Parsonage	9,000
13. Fargo, N. Dakota	St. Mark's	H. K. Gebhart	114	16	28	163	9	112.56	Church and Parsonage	3,700
14. Salt Lake City, Utah	Holy Trinity	A. C. Sweinsberg	20	5	4	19	loss	55.84	Church and Parsonage	13,000
15. Spanish Forks, Utah	Holy Trinity	R. Runolfson	47	3	8	40	6	.....	Church and Parsonage	1,350
16. Seattle, Wash	Holy Trinity	Jas. F. Beates	35	4	1	55	loss	70.90	Church and Parsonage	8,500
17. Tacoma, Wash	St. John's	Wm. F. Holl	34	6	9	35	7	64.00	Church	4,500
18. Portland, Oregon	St. James'	E. L. T. Engers	98	12	27	66	loss	98.00	Chapel and Parsonage	24,500
19. The Dalles, Oregon	Zion	Vacant	55	...	22	60	—7	35.50	Church	4,000
20. La Crosse, Wis	Holy Trinity	Earnest A. Trabert	22	...	22	77	....	13.00	.....	.....
			1866	273	566 = net gain 293.				Value of property	$168,150

Summary for Two Years.*

From September 1, 1897, to September 1, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

General receipts	$25,298 50	
Schaeffer legacy	4,744 33	30,042 83
Endowment		2,000 00
Debt (special)		1,475 58
		$33,518 41
Balance September 1, 1897		11 07
		$33,529 48
Moneys borrowed		1,587 50
Total		$35,116 98

DISBURSEMENTS.

Investment Endowment Fund, with accrued interest	$2,028 94
Repayment of loans	2,100 00
Interest on loans	969 00
Salaries and all other expenses	29,604 92
Balance September 1, 1899	414 12
	$35,116 98

Report of E. Aug. Miller, Treasurer of the Board of English Home Missions,

From September 1, 1898, to August 31, 1899, inclusive.

Balance Sept. 1, 1898		$790 81

RECEIPTS.

From Churches	$4,122 54	
Sunday-schools	2,777 50	
Individuals	1,155 51	
Women's and other Missionary Societies	1,686 91	
Luther Leagues, etc	83 42	
The Treasurer of the Pittsburg Synod	1,632 20	
The Chicago Synod	500 00	
The Church Extension Society for Superintendent's Salary	300 00	
The Church Extension Society for Interest on Bonds	40 00	
The President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania,	100 00	
Interest on Deposits	13 94	12,412 02
Cash for Endowment Fund		1,000 00
Payment of the debt		1,475 58
		$15,678 41

[*In lieu of the detailed and audited report for 1897-98, lost in transmission, the Treasurer furnishes the above.—SEC.]

EXPENDITURES.

Missionaries' Salaries	$10,006 25	
J. A. Bohn, purchase of Bonds of Church Extension Society for Endowment Fund	1,800 00	
Accrued Interest on the same	28 94	
Rev. J. E. Whitteker, for Salary	1,000 00	
Rev. J. E. Whitteker, for Expenses	369 71	
Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, for Salary	280 54	
Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, for Expenses	38 88	
Interest on Loans	467 00	
Incidentals, Postage, etc	35 35	
Printing	228 57	$14,264 29
H. Kostenbader Note, Cr. to Debt. Account		1,000 00
Balance August 31st, 1899		414 12
		$15,678 41

Notes for $7,200.00 for borrowed moneys are outstanding and due by the Board.

The Endowment Fund is $2,000.00, invested in the Bonds of the Church Extension Society.

E. AUG. MILLER,
Treasurer.

September 1, 1899.

Audited and found correct.

J. MARTIN ROMMEL,
JAS. H. WOLFE,
Committee.

Philadelphia, Sept. 23, 1899.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. A. SEISS, President.
S. LAIRD, Secretary.
E. AUG. MILLER, Treasurer.

J. C. KUNZMANN, Superintendent.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. W. Ashmead Schaeffer, of Philadelphia. Adjourned.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, September 30, 2:00 P. M.

Rev. Prof. John Sander, of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., conducted the devotional service: Hymn 11, Prayer.

The Minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The English Home Mission report being under consideration, Rev. Dr. Seiss offered the following

RESOLUTIONS ON HOME MISSIONS.

WHEREAS, This Body, in its session of 1895 (Min. p. 49) "Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Council that the entire work of Home Missions of the Synods belonging to this Body should, as soon as possible, be concentrated in the General Council"; and

WHEREAS, The reference of this declaration to the Synods for their consideration and report, has elicited general approval of the principle, as for instance the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Pittsburg Synod, the Synod of Ohio, the English Synod of the North-West, and the Chicago Synod, with no dissent or unfavorable action on the part of any Synod, except by the single Synod of New York; and

WHEREAS, The time has now come for energetic effort to bring into living and accomplished *fact* what has been so generally approved in principle, and is so urgently demanded for the highest success in this important department of our Church Work; therefore

Resolved, I. That in accord with the proposals made in 1895 by the "Committee on the Reorganization of the Home Mission Work of the General Council," the entire Home Mission Work of the Council, including that of its Synods, be concentrated in the General Council as such, and placed under the management of three General Boards to act for and under the direction of the General Council, to wit:

(a) A Board of Swedish Home Missions, to have charge of all Swedish Missions within the General Council, and all such English Missions of the Swedish Churches as the Augustana Synod and its Conferences may originate or support.

(b) A Board of English Home Missions, to have charge of all English Home Missions of the General Council, and such of them as may for the time require some use of the German language also.

(c) A Board of German Home Missions, to have charge of all German and mainly German Missions of the General Council.

II. That these several Boards shall be charged with the supervision and care of the entire Mission work of the General Council, including the appointment of all necessary agents, superintendents and missionaries, and the fixing and payment of their salaries, according to their several spheres.

III. That the various Synods belonging to the General Council be and hereby are requested and urged to acquiesce in these proposed arrangements, and to transfer all their Synodical missions and missionaries, and all their Home Mission Funds and Revenues respectively to these central Boards.

IV. That in thus centralizing and unifying the Home Mission Work of the General Council, no abridgment or supersedure of the authority or activities of the Synods or Conferences touching missions or missionaries within their bounds is intended or implied; but it is assumed and expected of them actively to coöperate with the General

Council's Home Mission Boards in the support and general management, by counsel and advice, in the recommendation of Mission points and of men to occupy them, and to exercise their Synodical prerogatives in aid of the work in general, and upon their own territory in particular.

V. That these several Boards of Home Missions shall be elected by the General Council at each regular meeting, by ballot, or as otherwise determined at the time, and continue in office until their successors are elected. They shall regularly organize at the first meeting, to be held as early as convenient after their election. They shall each report in full to each regular meeting of the General Council, giving account of their work, their receipts and expenditures, the Missions and missionaries under their care, and where located, and whatever else they may deem important in connection with their work.

The discussion occupied almost the entire session.

NOMINATION OF BOARDS.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee on Nomination of the various Boards, consisting of at least one member from each Synod, be appointed.

Committee: Revs. Dr. S. E. Ochsenford, J. A. W. Haas, J. E. Whitteker, Dr. G. W. Mechling, Dr. C. A. Swensson, E. Hoffmann, H. A. W. Yung, Dr. G. H. Trabert, and M. Ruccius; Messrs. G. W. March, F. Henrich, M. L. Deck, and C. R. Chindblom, Esq.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Jos. A. Seiss, of the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia. Adjourned.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, October 2, 9:00 A. M.

Rev. J. C. F. Rupp, of Scottdale, Pa., conducted the Matin Service: Hymn 262, Psalm i, James iii, Te Deum, Hymn 456.

The Minutes of Saturday afternoon were read and approved.

The credentials of Rev. C. Luther McConnell, Official Visitor of the General Synod, were read, and his reception was made the first order for the afternoon. The report of the Committee on the Foreign Mission Board's report was made the second order.

The discussion of the resolutions of Dr. Seiss, on the Centralization and Unification of the Home Mission work, was resumed. With the consent of the house, the resolutions were withdrawn without a vote being had thereon.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

On motion of William H. Staake, Esq., unanimously

Resolved, That we recommend that the subject of the unification of the work of Home Missions be considered by a Missionary Conference, to be composed of the Home Mission Boards of the Council and of the respective District Synods, and that we request the co-operation of the several District Synods in the holding of such a Conference.

HOME MISSION STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT SYNODS.

On motion of Prof. C. W. Foss,

Resolved, That the various District Synods of the General Council be instructed to make complete and detailed reports to the General Council of all the home mission work done within their respective bodies, including a statement of the number and names of missionaries engaged, the number of missions started, the number of missions supported and where located, and the amount expended from one Convention of the General Council to another.

[See Appendix for this year's report.]

BLANKS FOR SYNODICAL STATISTICS.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Belfour,

Resolved, That the English Recording Secretary is hereby requested to prepare blank forms for the statistical reports of the District Synods, and to furnish the same to the Presidents of the Synods.

The Committee on Consolidation of Home Mission Work, appointed in 1895, was discharged.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Belfour, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Adjourned.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, October 2, 2:00 P. M.

Rev. Dr. John Nicum, President of Wagner College, Rochester, N. Y., conducted the devotional service: Hymn 270, Prayer.

The Minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

RECEPTION OF OFFICIAL VISITORS.

Rev. C. Luther McConnell, of Mifflinburg, Pa., the Official Visitor of the General Synod, delivered an address conveying the greetings and sentiments of the General Synod, to which, by request of the President, Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Seiss made a fitting response.

Rev. Dr. Spaeth read the Report of the Committee on the

Foreign Mission Board's Report. It was discussed throughout the session.

The purchase of the "Lutherische Herold" was made the second order for Tuesday morning.

Prayer by Rev. Louis Lindenstruth, of Mauch Chunk, Pa.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 3, 9:00 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass, of Allentown, Pa.: Hymn 4, Psalm xcviii, 1 Cor. iii, 9-23.

The Minutes of Monday afternoon's session were read and approved.

The report on the Foreign Mission Board's report was resumed. The report was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD'S REPORT.

BRETHREN:

Your Committee appointed to frame suitable action upon the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, begs leave to submit the following resolutions:

I. Resolved, That it is the sense of the General Council that the Board of Foreign Missions should, as soon as possible, send a suitable person to India to look into and become acquainted with the work on the ground.

II. While we appreciate the sound judgment of the Board in selecting J. William as a fit candidate for ordination, and their anxiety, in view of the needs of our missionary field, to have him ordained as promptly as possible, we regret that the Board determined and commanded his ordination while the Missionary Council in India had postponed its final vote on the recommendation of the candidate.

III. We approve of the action of the Board in accepting the resignation of the missionaries, Revs. F. J. McCready, E. H. Mueller, and C. F. Kuder, which was forced upon the Board by their unwillingness to wait until their grievances could be laid before the General Council in proper form.

IV. We approve the action of the Board in refusing to pay

the alleged claim of the Rev. F. J. McCready, as also the claim of the Rev. E. H. Mueller for traveling expenses to America; and that the appeal of the Rev. E. H. Mueller to the General Council in this matter be dismissed.

V. We approve of the proposition of the Board to have all the correspondence relating to the unhappy disagreement between the missionaries in India and the Board omitted from the printed Minutes of this Convention.

VI. Inasmuch as it appears that the occasion for the crisis in India was the difficulty concerning the ordination of a native pastor; and, as the "General Rules and Regulations for the Telugu Mission" on this point were differently interpreted by some of the missionaries in India on the one side and the Board of Foreign Missions on the other; and, as the practice heretofore pursued of having the native pastors ordained under authority of one of our District Synods, is fraught with unavoidable embarrassments and complications, your committee respectfully suggests the following remedy:

Resolved, That paragraph 78 of the General Rules and Regulations, treating of the ordination of native pastors, be amended to read as follows: When native pastors are needed for the pastoral care of native congregations, the ordained members of the Missionary Council, who are entitled to vote, shall examine and propose the candidate for ordination to the Board of Foreign Missions; and if two-thirds of said ordained members of the Missionary Council agree in such recommendation, and if the Board of Foreign Missions, by a two-thirds vote, decide in favor of the applicant, the Board shall authorize the ordained officers of the Conference to ordain the candidate as a member of "The Telugu Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in India." No one shall be ordained except for the direct ministration of the pastoral office.

VII. Resolved, (a) That the hearty thanks of the General Council are tendered to the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, editor, and the Rev. H. Grahn, D.D., assistant editor, of the "Missionsbote," as also to the Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., and the Rev. E. R. Cassaday, editors of the "Foreign Missionary," for their faithful and unselfish labors bestowed upon our missionary organs. (b) That the heartiest thanks of the General Council are returned to the Treasurer, W. H. Staake, Esq., for the carefulness and generosity

with which, at considerable expense to himself, he continues to manage the finances of the Foreign Mission Board.

VIII. Inasmuch as at no other time in the history of our Telugu Mission has it been more in need of the universal sympathy and faithful co-operation of all its friends, the General Council renews its urgent request to the Presidents of its District Synods to impress their Synods with the necessity of a general and hearty support of our Foreign Mission by most liberal contributions.

IX. Inasmuch as the Board of Foreign Missions was originally created to undertake and carry on the mission work among the Telugus in India, we deem it inexpedient that the Board should start mission work in other lands unless the means are such and the call of such strength and character as to warrant it.

A. SPAETH,
S. E. OCHSENFORD,
E. NORELIUS,
A. L. YOUNT,
F. RICHARDS,
G. H. GERBERDING,
A. J. D. WEDEMEYER,
J. BOYD DUFF,
PHILIP L. ZIEBER.

In connection with Item V, it was stated that Missionary Kuder had withdrawn his protest.

MISSIONS IN PORTO RICO.

On motion of Rev. Dr. G. H. Trabert, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the General Council approves of the action of the Board of Foreign Missions in taking steps toward opening a field for missions in Porto Rico.

The reports of the Official Visitors appointed by the General Council were then presented in person, or read by the secretaries.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The undersigned, who was appointed Delegate or Official Visitor from the General Council to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, respectfully reports:

I. That he attended the recent Convention of the General Synod at York, Pa., during the last days of May, 1899; that he

was very kindly and even enthusiastically received, and officially awarded every attention and respect that could be desired; that he presented the friendly greetings and good wishes of the General Council at a special appointment to a full meeting of the Body to which he was commissioned; and that printed copies of his remarks on the occasion, and of the response thereto by the President of the General Synod, together with the sermon preached by invitation at one of the chief appointments of that Body, are herewith submitted.

II. That the Convention was imposing in number of members and attendants, and one of much interest. Twenty-four Synods were represented, together including 192,299 communicants. Rev. S. F. Breckenridge, D.D., of Springfield, Ohio, was chosen President, and Rev. W. E. Fischer, D.D., of Shamokin, Pa., Secretary. Much business of importance was transacted, indicating earnest zeal in the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ and the upbuilding of His Church, with manifestation of a deepening and pervading adherence and devotion to the doctrines of the Lutheran Church as set forth and confessed in the illustrious Augustana.

III. That several items in the proceedings were of special interest to the Church at large. Favorable notice was taken of the Free Conference held in Philadelphia in December last; and Rev. Dr. Owen, of Hagerstown, Md., was reappointed the General Synod's representative on a joint Committee to arrange for another Conference of similar character, the belief being expressed by the Body that such Conferences tend to increase mutual understanding of the truth and to unify and benefit the Church. The joint translation into English of Luther's Small Catechism was reported in form and adopted for use in all the General Synod's publications of the Small Catechism in English. The proposal looking to the preparation by Joint Committee of Common Orders for Ministerial Acts, and also a Common Hymnal, was also again approved, and work to that end authorized to be continued.

IV. That the official reports from the several departments of Benevolent activities, such as Missions, Education, and Church Extension, were very encouraging. The receipts for Home Missions for the two years ending with April last, less loans and discounts, aggregated $86,000. The Board of Education for the same biennium reported an income of $21,000; while the Board

of Church Extension reported the net assets to the credit of that department as $278,000. Your Visitor could not but be impressed with the increased interest and satisfactoriness of having these several departments all centered in the one General Body.

V. That a Delegate, or Fraternal Visitor, from the General Synod to the present Convention of the General Council was appointed, in the person of Rev. C. L. McConnell, of Mifflinburg, Pa., and Rev. J. C. Koller, D.D., of Hanover, Pa., as alternate. As such exchanges between these two General Bodies are becoming more and more desirable, and cannot be otherwise than productive of good, the continuance of the same is herewith recommended. Respectfully submitted,

Jos. A. Seiss.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNITED DANISH CHURCH.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Brethren:

Your delegate to the Synod of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church begs leave to report that he attended said Synod, which was held at Greenville, Mich., in June, 1898. Your delegate was accorded the privilege of addressing the Synod. The fraternal greetings of the General Council were received most cordially, and responded to by the President, Rev. G. B. Christiansen, expressing appreciation of the courtesy shown the Synod by the General Council. It is most gratifying to report that your delegate was assured of the most fraternal regards of that Church in behalf of our own. Respectfully, your obedient servant,

L. A. Johnston.

St. Paul, Minn., August 30, 1899.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE ICELANDIC SYNOD.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:

In fulfillment of the honorable duties laid upon me by your appointment as Official Visitor, I attended the annual convention of the Icelandic Synod, held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 24-29,

1898. As your representative, I was received with every manifestation of fraternal esteem, and was made to realize as never before that the barriers of an unknown tongue become of none effect when men are bound together in the unity of the faith.

The greeting and the Godspeed of the General Council were extended by your visitor, together with a résumé of the history, faith and works of that body, and an explanation of the mutual relations existing between it and the Synods constituting its membership. At a subsequent session, upon invitation of the Synod, the visitor explained to the best of his ability the advantages arising from Synodical union with the Council and replied to a number of questions bearing upon the faith, the effect of union upon the language of the Synod, etc.

The action finally had by the Synod, though not conclusive, was of such character as to point to final and affirmative action at the next meeting of the Synod. It is presented in the following Committee report, which was unanimously adopted:

The Committee that has considered the question of joining with the General Council, advises the Synod to instruct the pastors to enlighten their congregations on all points bearing on this matter; that it be taken as topic for discussion at all the meetings held in congregations for general discussions, in order that we may be prepared to take final action in this matter at our next Convention.

We call attention again to the resolution made at the Convention last year, and are of the opinion that it certainly, by the will of God, is our destiny in the near future to unite with the General Council. We consider it without doubt a most important step in the Synod's progress, and we urge both our pastors and laymen to work to this end during the coming year.

If, in the good providence of God, the course thus outlined be followed, then at the next Convention of your Reverend Body, the Icelandic Synod will be an applicant for admission to membership. With respect, your obedient servant,

ALFRED RAMSEY.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNITED NORWEGIAN CHURCH.

As Official Visitor to the United Norwegian Church I attended the sessions of that Body on Monday, June 13, 1898. In my congratulatory and fraternal remarks I endeavored to set forth the ties that bind the two Bodies, enlarged on the business done and the projects started at the Erie Convention, and called attention to

the general principle on which the General Council proceeds—unity first, union afterwards. A courteous response was made on behalf of the Synod by Prof. E. G. Lund, D.D.

The burning question of the recent annual Conventions has been that of education. The large Church where the Conventions are held—the First Swedish Church of St. Paul—was thronged each day with interested spectators. The decision reached this year was the adoption of St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minn., as the Synod's institution of higher learning and the discontinuance of the collegiate department in connection with its Theological Seminary in Minneapolis.

The Synod has issued "The Church and Sunday-school Hymnal" in the English language, and in place of "The Christian Youth," discontinued as a Synodical paper, purposes to issue a Sunday-school paper in English.

No Visitors were this year appointed to any other Bodies.

WILLIAM K. FRICK.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNITED SYNOD IN THE SOUTH.

The United Synod in the South met at Newberry, S. C., from May 11th to 16th, 1898. I had the honor to attend that Convention as the Official Visitor of the General Council, and it gave me much pleasure to do so. I was most cordially and heartily welcomed, and on presenting the fraternal greetings of this Body, was assured, in the response of the President, that the brethren of the South take a deep interest in the prosperity of the General Council.

The United Synod is actively engaged in mission work at home and abroad, and is making strenuous efforts to provide for the families of our Church, scattered over the broad territory covered by its Synods.

Great attention is given to the interests of education, and commendable progress is made in the establishment of schools and colleges for both young men and women. It was resolved to continue the work of the Theological Seminary, and it is gratifying to be able to report that that institution is carried on with an increased number of both instructors and students.

The Synod recommended to its Churches the Lesson-Leaves and Helps prepared by the General Council for Sunday-schools.

It also appointed a Committee to co-operate with the other General Bodies in the preparation of Forms for Ministerial Acts and the selection of hymns for a Common Book of Worship.

The Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., was appointed Official Visitor to this Convention of the General Council.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL LAIRD.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO.

The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States met in Fort Wayne, Ind., from September 1 to 8, 1898.

It was my privilege to be the first Official Visitor sent by your body to the Joint Synod. Though there was some little opposition to my reception, yet I was kindly received and heartily responded to by the Vice-President, Rev. Mr. Boehme, of Youngstown, Ohio, who was in the chair.

This is next to the strongest independent Synod in our Church. It had at the time of this Convention 434 ministers, 590 congregations and 85,273 communicants. Its stalwart Lutheran character is well known. Of late years it is also becoming active and aggressive in every department of general Church work. It supports a Seminary for the training of Parochial Teachers at Woodville, Ohio; a College at Columbus, Ohio; another, though not under the official control of Synod, at Lima, Ohio; a pro-Seminar at St. Paul, Minn.; and Theological Seminaries also at Columbus and St. Paul. The Seminary at St. Paul is a so-called practical Seminary. The Synod has an Old People's Home at Allegheny, Pa.; an Orphans' Home at Richmond, Ind. The Synod has not done much for Foreign Missions, although it has sent contributions to Herrmansburg and Jerusalem. But the Body is now ready to start a Foreign Mission of its own, and is looking for a proper candidate. These people, however, done a great work in the Home Field. In fourteen years their Home Mission Board has helped into life 234 congregations. They now have on the roll 56 missionaries who labor in 117 fields. They are doing Jewish Mission work in Pittsburgh, through Pastor Kuldell, himself a Jewish convert, and an earnest and active man. They are also doing work among the colored people, and have a neat church, with a colored pastor, in Baltimore.

They have two official weekly papers, the "Standard" and "Kirchenzeitung," and a bi-monthly theological magazine. They have a well-equipped and valuable Book Concern at Columbus, which brings in a large profit for the general work. They also have a fund for superannuated Ministers, Pastors' widows, and orphans.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. GERBERDING.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE (GERMAN) SYNOD OF IOWA.

The undersigned, who was appointed visitor to the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa, respectfully reports that, through a complication of circumstances, he was compelled to discharge his duty by letter, as it was impossible for him to attend the meeting of the Iowa Synod in August at Minneapolis. A fraternal letter was addressed to the President of the Synod, while in session, with the best wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Synod, and its harmonious and fraternal relations to this General Council. The next biennial meeting of the Iowa Synod will be held in 1902 at the City of Toledo, O.

Respectfully submitted,

A. SPAETH.

On motion of Prof. C. W. Foss,

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of nine to recommend to this Body the Synods to which we should send Official Visitors, and to nominate such Visitors.

Committee: Rev. Drs. Horn and Belfour, Prof. C. W. Foss, Rev. Messrs. Kirsch, Siebert, Hoffmann, Wagner, Ruccius. and Mr. J. A. Bohn.

Rev. F. W. Weiskotten read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GERMAN OFFICIAL PAPER.

Your Committee, appointed to confer with the New York Ministerium as to the possibility of securing the "Lutherische Herold" as the organ of the General Council, met January 18th, 1899, in New York City, in joint convention with the Committee of the New York Ministerium, authorized to consult with us.

Rev. A. Richter presided, and Rev. F. W. Weiskotten was elected secretary.

Of the Committee appointed by the General Council, there were present, besides those named above, the Revs. G. C. Berkemeier, G. C. F. Haas, Dr. J. J. Kuendig, Dr. F. W. E. Peschau, and Messrs. Louis W. Kaufmann and M. Wulff.

Of the New York Ministerium's Committee those in attendance were: Revs. F. W. Oswald, E. A. Behrens, C. G. Fischer, F. Holter, J. C. R. Luehrs, and Messrs. J. H. Grothusen, J. Kunz, C. Anger, and J. Blohm. This Committee had agreed on the following propositions:

1. That we transfer our Synodical paper, the "Lutherische Herold," with all its assets and liabilities, to the General Council; and as it has now reached such a financial basis that the regular income will exceed, to some extent, the current expenses.

2. That a condition of said transfer shall be, that all future surplus be devoted to the German work of the General Council.

After information had been imparted concerning the financial condition of the "Herold," the number of subscribers and its property, presupposing that the New York Ministerium would approve of the above, your Committee resolved to recommend to the General Council the acceptance of the "Lutherische Herold" as its organ, under the conditions named.

When, however, the New York Ministerium convened, it failed to adopt the resolutions recommended by its Committee, but, in its session June 13th, 1899, "Resolved to sell the 'Lutherische Herold' for $2,000 cash." A Committee of five was appointed "Which is to determine the conditions of sale and submit them to the (New York) delegation to the General Council." This Committee consists of Revs. Dr. Heischmann, G. C. Berkemeier, Dr. Nicum, and Messrs. M. Wulff and C. D. Boschen.

Another resolution empowers the New York delegation to the General Council "To sell the 'Lutherische Herold' under conditions acceptable to the Trustees of the Synod."

What the nature of these is, has not, at this date, been disclosed to us, so that, under existing circumstances, we are not able to make a recommendation, but must leave the entire matter to the General Council. Respectfully submitted,

A. Richter,
President.
F. W. Weiskotten,
Secretary.

September 12, 1899.

Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas presented the

ACTION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

In the matter of the transfer of the "Lutherische Herold" to the General Council, the Trustees of the New York Ministerium, in pursuance of a resolution of the Ministerium, and upon the report of a Committee appointed by it to draft the conditions of such transfer, present the following:

1. That the New York Ministerium is ready to accede to the request of the General Council to turn the "Lutherische Herold" over to it as its official German organ.

2. That the transfer is to include the name and address-list (with type and galleys of the latter) of the present "Herold," and is to be made for a consideration of $2,000.

3. That we suggest Jan. 1, 1900, as the most convenient time for effecting the transfer.

4. That the New York Ministerium will hold itself liable for all debts of the "Lutherische Herold" outstanding and unpaid on Jan. 1, 1900, whilst, on the other hand, the Ministerium reserves to itself its rights of property with reference to all moneys due the "Herold" up to the time mentioned.

5. That all subscriptions paid before the transfer is effected, but extending over a part of the year 1900, shall for such part be credited to the General Council and paid over to it when the financial transaction is concluded on the part of the Council.

Signed, for the Trustees of the Ministerium,

GEO. C. F. HAAS,
President.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Nicum. Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 3, 1:30 P. M.

The devotional service was led by Rev. Philip Mueller, of the Germantown Orphans' Home, Philadelphia, Pa.: Hymn 275, Prayer.

The morning Minutes were read and approved.

GERMAN OFFICIAL ORGAN.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Weiskotten,

Resolved, That we purchase the "Lutherische Herold" on the terms and conditions presented by the New York Ministerium.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Spaeth,

Resolved, That the Board of Publication of the General Council be authorized and instructed to arrange and complete the details of this purchase with the Trustees of the New York Ministerium.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Seiss,

Resolved, That a committee of one from each Synod be appointed to nominate an editor, or editorial corps, and special contributors for the German "Lutherische Herold."

Committee: Revs. J. A. W. Haas, Dietrich, Richards, Neudoerffer, Prof. J. Sander, Dr. Gerberding, Ruccius and Ph. Mueller, and Mr. C. A. Smith.

Rev. Dr. Horn presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE OFFICIAL VISITORS.

The Committee to Nominate Fraternal Visitors to other Lutheran bodies suggests the following:

To the General Synod—T. E. Schmauk, D.D. Alternate—R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D.

To the United Synod in the South—S. A. Repass, D.D. Alternate—D. H. Geissinger, D.D.

To the Icelandic Synod—E. Norelius, D.D. Alternate—Rev. C. J. Petri.

To the United Danish Church—E. Belfour, D.D. Alternate—Rev. L. G. Abrahamson.

To the German Iowa Synod—Rev. G. C. Berkemeier. Alternate—Rev. G. C. F. Haas.

For the Committee,

EDWARD T. HORN, Chairman.

Adopted.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE ERECTION OF CHURCHES.

Rev. G. W. Sandt offered the following motion:

Resolved, That when needy congregations or missions seek to make collections for the purchase of lots or the erection of church buildings, application shall be made to the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society, which, on approval of the application, may assign to the person authorized territory in which to secure funds, and that the money thus secured shall be paid into the treasury of said Society and loaned to the congregation or mission, on proper security, for a specified number of years.

Ordered to be printed in the Minutes, and referred to the Board of English Home Missions and the Church Extension Society.

The English Home Mission Board's Report, with its several recommendations, was then adopted.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL FIELD SECRETARY.

Rev. W. K. Frick, President of the English Synod of the Northwest, presented the memorial of said Synod for the appointment of a Sunday-school Field Secretary to labor in the territory of that Synod.

On motion,

Resolved, That the request for a Sunday-school Field Secretary for the English Synod of the Northwest, be referred to the Board of English Home Missions, with power to act.

On motion of Rev. C. J. Petri, the following was added:

Resolved, That the Board of English Home Missions be instructed to act in co-operation with the Mission Committee of the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod.

Rev. Dr. Seiss read the

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Trustees of the General Council of the Ev. Lutheran Church in North America respectfully report:

The securities held in trust for the Board of Foreign Missions, in the hands of the Treasurer, remain the same as at our last report, save that the Treasurer has received the cash for a $500 bond, secured upon property of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, which was called in and cancelled, and the proceeds await investment.

The litigation in the estate of Benjamin Keck, deceased, has been decided by the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, affirming the judgment of the lower court, thus probably losing the legacy left for Foreign Missions by the testator.

The bond of the Treasurer, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, is continued.

Six Trustees are to be elected at this Convention—three to serve for two years, in place of Rev. Adolph Spaeth, D.D.; Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D.; and Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., L.L.D., and three to serve for three years, in place of E. Aug. Miller, William F. Monroe, and Henry Lehman.

On behalf of the Trustees,

JOSEPH A. SEISS, President.

Adopted, and the Committee on the Nomination of Boards ordered to nominate Trustees.

Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, President, read the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GERMAN HOME MISSIONS.

The change in the personnel of the Board made at your last Convention, necessitated a reorganization, which was effected November 2, 1897, by the election of the following officers:

President—Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, of Philadelphia.

Recording Secretary—Rev. C. G. Fischer, of Elizabeth, N. J.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. E. Brennecke, of New York City.

Treasurer—Rev. J. J. Kuendig, D.D., of Reading, Pa.

Editor of "Siloah"—Rev. E. F. Moldehnke, D.D., with Rev. Dr. Kuendig and Rev. J. W. Loch as assistants.

In the month of February, 1898, Rev. Hugo Hoffmann resigned from the Board. The resignation was accepted with regret, and Rev. J. A. W. Haas elected in his place.

Six meetings of the Board were held, all of them in New York City.

In taking a review of the field we would respectfully report the following:

THE FIELD.

(a) The South.

Ottenheim, Kentucky.—Rev. O. Kuhr, whom we called to this place, accepted an appointment to go to Brazil, South America, as Missionary of the Bavarian Mission Society. For some time, therefore, this station was vacant. Rev. C. J. Mehrtens, of Rahway, N. J., who accepted our call, is laboring there with self-denying zeal. The congregation is about to purchase a new organ.

(b) Utah.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—In our last report we stated that Rev. H. Hoffmann, of Milwaukee, had gone to this field. He labored there as our Missionary, receiving salary until July 1, 1899. The conviction has been growing upon us that, considering the small number of our people, a Missionary able to officiate acceptably in both the German and English languages could, for a time at least, perform the work that needs to be done there. The congregation is vacant, and this would seem to offer a good opportunity to effect such a union.

(c) Western Canada.

1. *Winnipeg, Manitoba.*—Rev. M. Ruccius, who had labored here so successfully for six years, in view of the state of affairs at Wolesley, Assiniboia, felt constrained to resign and accept a call to that field. He did this, because he placed the welfare of the Church above his own; and the Board, whilst recognizing the sacrifice which he made, could not withhold its consent. We secured for Winnipeg Rev. F. Beer, under whom the congregation appears to be in a prosperous condition. He also serves Friedensfeld, a thriving settlement, Niverville, Whitemouth, Beausejour, and Brokenhead. He confirmed 41 persons during last year.

2. *Langenburg, Assiniboia.*—This field, which was temporarily supplied from Gretna and Winnipeg, has lately been furnished a regular pastor in the person of Rev. O. Mordhorst, a graduate of the Philadelphia Seminary, ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania this year. He arrived there July 25, 1899. He writes: "Although our people are scattered far and wide, yet nearly all are present at Divine service on Sunday." The congregation has no church edifice, services being held in a school-house. For a number of English families residing there, he has commenced English services on Sunday evening, at which the Church Book is used. This congregation is engaged in erecting a parsonage for the pastor, whom they received with so much joy. He also preaches at Beresina, 12 miles from Langenburg, and at Langenau, 20 miles north of Yorkton, its nearest railroad station.

3. *Wolesley, Assiniboia.*—Rev. Ewald Hermann, whom the Board called from Germany in 1896, declared his unity in the faith with the General Council, and pledged faithfulness to that Body and its Board of Home Missions. The Board trusted him, and relying on his promises, sent him to this field, placing about 1500 baptized persons under his pastoral care. When, during the summer of 1897, the "Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories" was organized, he failed to connect with that Body. During the fall of that year it was rumored that he was attempting to carry this whole District into other ecclesiastical connections. When officially asked by the Board, he replied that he could not join the Synod for conscientious reasons, but failed, at first, to reply to the question as to his intentions. Later, however, when pressed for an answer, he declared his intention of joining another body. We

at once requested the President of the Synod to visit the field, inform the congregations of Rev. E. Hermann's ingratitude and unfaithfulness, and also that he was no longer in our service or connection.

The congregations proved more faithful than their pastor, declared their loyalty and gratitude to the General Council and its Board, which had cared for them when destitute, and repudiated the man who sought to mislead them. A unanimous call was extended to Rev. M. Ruccius of Winnipeg, who, under the circumstances, felt it to be his duty to accept the call. He is now laboring faithfully in this extending field under the evident blessing of the Great Head of the Church.

4. *The Edenwald District, Assiniboia.*—Rev. W. Willing continues to labor here, serving besides Edenwald, Longlaketon, Strassburg, Kronau, Davin, Regina and Lebret.

5. *Wetaskiwin, Alberta,* continues under the care of Rev. F. Bredlow, who also officiates at Red Deer Lake, Lacombe, Bear Hills and Duhamel. He reports 422 souls (186 confirmed members), and that he was able to confirm 9 persons during last year. In sending a belated report he says: "The delay was caused by my guests, two young men and four young ladies, who reside with me, in order to be prepared for confirmation. These six persons belong to four families, of which one lives 50, two 30, and one 10 miles from here. It was not an easy matter to accommodate these guests in my humble dwelling. The inconvenience, which cannot be avoided, is not able to disturb my pleasure at the fact that there still are Lutherans who desire a thorough instruction of their children."

6. *Edmonton, Alberta.*—Rev. F. Pempeit, pastor.—This field now consists of St. Paul's Church at Lutherhort, St. John's at Heimthal, where a church and parsonage have been erected, and a preaching station near Le Duc. Continued rains during this summer, making the poor roads impassable, interfered to some extent with the pastor's labors. The crops have suffered great injury, so that the prospects for the coming winter are anything but encouraging. He also complains of a sickly pietism, and of spiritual pride on the part of a few members of his flock. Six persons were confirmed.

7. *Stoney Plain, Alberta,* was formerly served as a portion of the Edmonton District. During the summer of 1898 we were able

to send thither, Rev. Gustavus Poensgen, a graduate of Wagner College and of our Seminary at Philadelphia. He arrived there August 14th, and was received with much joy. His field comprises St. Matthew's Church at Stoney Plain, and Immanuel's at Rosenthal. These congregations have become self-sustaining. They number 232 souls (100 confirmed members), and Pastor Poensgen reports 4 confirmed by him.

8. *Gretna, Manitoba.*—Rev. E. Berthold continues to serve this immense field, comprising seventeen congregations and preaching places, the most distant being 200 miles from the residence of the pastor. Three parochial school-teachers are employed to teach the children. The church edifice at Gretna is valued at $2,000, that at Rosenfeld at $1,000, and at Crystal, N. D., at $1,500. The school-houses are valued as follows: Morris, $800; Langdon, N. D., $500; Dominion City, $300; Emerson, $800. It is proposed to divide this district in such a manner that Rosenfeld, where the pastor is to reside, with (1) Plum Coulee, (2) Winkler, (3) Morden, (4) Morris, (5) Scratshon River, and (6) Ninga, shall form the Rosenfeld District with about 600 souls.

9. *Tupper, Manitoba.*—The congregation at this place extended a call to Rev. V. Henning, who was intended for the Rosenfeld District. No objection was made on the part of the Board, and he entered upon this charge during the fall of 1898. A church has recently been built. Certain damaging reports having reached the President of Synod, he has suspended Rev. Mr. Henning from membership in the Synod, and advised the congregation to dismiss him. The congregation, however, has not thus far seen fit to act in accordance with the advice given.

10. *Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.*—Rev. A. Lilge is laboring at this point with much self-denial. A hail-storm destroyed the harvests in 1898, causing great distress. Six times a year he goes to Calgary, to reach which place he must ride one whole day in a carriage and another whole day on the railroad. When there, he preaches on two successive Sundays, and visits the people during the week.

We have been requested to assume charge of some mission stations in the State of Oregon, formerly aided by the Synod of Michigan, which body has declared that it is unable to render aid in future. Negotiations are still in progress.

The failure of the Board of Publication to transfer to our

treasury any funds during the last two years, unavoidable as it was, has been severely felt by our mission.

In view of the fact that the full salaries of our missionaries have been paid by the Board for so long a time, and because the harvests in the Northwest last year were generally excellent, we have requested the congregations to assume payment of a portion of the salaries of their pastors, in order to enable the Board to develop the field at other points.

After serving as Treasurer of the Board for seventeen years, with a brief interruption, Rev. J. J. Kuendig, D.D., requested to be relieved from the office. Regretting the reasons which seemed to make the step necessary, the Board granted the request, and gave expression to its heartfelt gratitude for his faithful service during many years.

Mr. Martin Wulff was elected his successor. The address of the new treasurer is: Mr. M. Wulff, No. 233 East 70th street, New York City.

We refer to the report of the Treasurer, and would add that the amount of the Board's indebtedness is $1,012.50.

Rev. Hugo Grahn, D.D., has again kindly served as agent of "Siloah," of which paper 4,450 copies are now printed.

Retrospect and Prospect.

Ten years have now elapsed since a feeble beginning was made in the attempt to supply with the means of grace the children of our Church, scattered in the great Northwest of Canada, and it is well to note what has been accomplished. At that time we placed a single missionary into the field, who was to do the best he could, and follow the indications of Providence.

We now have in that region one Synod, 10 ministers, serving 58 congregations and preaching stations, with 6,500 souls and 3,250 communicants.

Surely, this is a showing of which the General Council need not be ashamed. And it is also an augury for the future. If the Church will furnish the means, we firmly believe that much more can be accomplished in the decade upon which we now enter. We have gained a firm foothold; enjoy the affectionate confidence of those whom we have aided; have a noble set of faithful men doing the work of the Lord. But we need more men firm in the faith, loyal to God and His Word, in order to enter fields not yet occupied, but ripe for the harvest;—and we need the means to sup-

port them for a few years until the congregations which they gather can become self-supporting. Brethren, let us thank God and take courage! Now is the time to go up and possess the land for the Lord and His Christ!

In the Name of God we will set up our banners!

Respectfully submitted, in the name of the Board,

F. W. WEISKOTTEN,
President.

Report of the Treasurer of the German Home Mission Board.

RECEIPTS.

From November 1, 1897, to March 13, 1899.

Balance Nov. 1, 1897	$ 59 89
Contributions	4,504 03
Loan	1,000 00
Total	$5,563 92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Missionaries	$4,985 22
Interest on Note for loan	87 15
Taxes in Salt Lake City	25 88
Postal cards and printing for Appeal	15 50
Drafts and revenue stamps	6 04
Donations forwarded, sent for special purposes	122 80
Interest on mortgage in Salt Lake City	10 00
Total	$5,252 59
Leaving a balance of	$ 311 33

We, the undersigned, Auditing Committee appointed by the Chairman of the German Home Mission Committee of the General Council, have examined the accounts of Rev. J. J. Kuendig, D.D., Treasurer, and find them correct, leaving in his hands a balance of three hundred and eleven 33-100 dollars.

M. C. HORINE.
Reading, Pa., March 13, 1899. EDWARD T. HORN.

RECEIPTS.

From March 13, 1899, to September 21, 1899.

Balance March 13, 1899	$ 311 33
Contributions	1,833 12
Total	$2,144 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Missionaries	$1,502 50
Paid half amount of loan	500 00
Interest on note	20 43
Forwarded for special purposes	32 00
Interest on mortgage in Salt Lake City	10 00
For collecting drafts	3 55
Postal cards and printing for Appeal	15 50
Total	$2,083 98
Leaving a balance of	$ 60 47

MARTIN WULFF,
Treasurer.

Your Committee, which was appointed by the German Board of Home Missions to audit the Treasurer's accounts, respectfully report that they have discharged their duties and have found the report correct as above given.

CHARLES D. BOSCHEN.
New York, Sept. 21, 1899. LOUIS W. KAUFMANN.

"Siloah" Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Nov. 17, 1897	$32 02
For subscriptions to March 13, 1899	775 98
For subscriptions to September	211 13
Total	$1,019 13

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses to March 13, 1899	$684 44
Expenses to September 21, 1899	201 61
Total	$886 05
Balance	$133 08

MARTIN WULFF,
Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed for this purpose by the German Board of Home Missions, have examined into the account of the "Siloah" and find the same correct.

CHARLES D. BOSCHEN.
New York, Sept. 21, 1899. LOUIS W. KAUFMANN.

On motion,

Resolved, 1. The report of the German Home Mission Board be adopted.

2. That the traveling expenses of Rev. M. Ruccius, President of the Manitoba Synod, up to $50, be paid by the Treasurer of the General Council.

3. That the Report be published in the "Lutherische Herold" and in "The Lutheran."

Prof. C. W. Foss, of Augustana College, Rock Island, read the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SWEDISH HOME MISSIONS.

(The Augustana Synod's Missions.)

The Home Mission work of the Augustana Synod is almost wholly done by the various Conferences, and, hence, a report of the Synod's Mission Board can give no adequate idea of the home mission work of the Synod. It is only in fields that lie without the bounds of any Conference that the Synod itself conducts the Home Mission work. Such fields are at present Utah, Idaho, and Montana. Requests have been made to the Synod to take up work in Alaska and Puerto Rico, but as yet nothing has been done.

The Utah Mission District.

Utah and Idaho now constitute the Utah Mission District. The work here is carried on by two missionaries, Rev. P. E. Åslev and Rev. A. Gunberg. Rev. Åslev labors at Salt Lake City, Ogden, Sandy, and Park City, and Rev. Gunberg at Provo and Santaquin in Utah, and at Idaho Falls, Basalt, and Boise City in Idaho. Congregations have been organized at Idaho Falls and Basalt. This field is sadly in need of a separate missionary. The work in Utah is attended with almost insurmountable difficulties, owing to the peculiar conditions of that unfortunate State. At its last meeting the Board decided to send Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, of Chicago, on an inspection tour through the mission field of the State.

The Montana Mission District.

Two missionaries, assisted by two students of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, are engaged in the mission work in Montana; Rev. C. E. Frisk and Student A. R. Shelander are laboring at Helena and Livingstone, and Rev. A. E. Gustafson and Student A. J. Carlson at Butte, Anaconda, and Missoula. At the last meeting of Synod Montana was organized into a separate Mission District, with the right of representation in the Synod.

There are a great number of Swedish Lutherans throughout all these States, and many of them are willing and ready to hear and receive the Word, but the lack of means and suitable men

greatly retards the work. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Board of Home Missions. C. W. Foss,

The report was adopted. Secretary.

Rev. G. C. F. Haas presented the

REPORT OF THE IMMIGRANT MISSION BOARD.

We herewith kindly submit the report of the Evangelical Lutheran Immigrant Mission to the worthy General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America for the two fiscal years, beginning July 1, 1897, and ending July 1, 1899.

With deep regret and profound sorrow we express our great loss in the death of the indefatigable and noble founder of the Emigrant House, Rev. Wm. Berkemeier, who labored most faithfully for more than a quarter of a century. It is not within the scope of this report to dwell on the excellent qualities, the sanctified personality, and the wonderfully blessed work of the heroic Father Berkemeier. His work is done, his race is run, his crown is won, and now is given unto him the well-earned rest of the people of God (Heb. 4: 9, 10).

By a kind providence he lived to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the institution on the 31st of October, 1898, in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. The Lutheran congregations of New York City and vicinity were well represented. The Revs. A. Richter, S. Fritschel, D.D., G. F. Krotel, D.D. LL.D., and E. F. Moldehnke, D.D., were the prominent speakers on the occasion.

Rev. Hermann J. Berkemeier, who has been in the ministerial work for thirteen years, was elected by the Board of Trustees as the successor of his father. We wish to recommend this election to the General Council. He entered his new field of labor on the first day of June, 1899. May God endow him with wisdom and strength for his responsible position.

On the 17th of January, 1898, a vacancy was created in the Board by the death of our warm friend and benefactor, Mr. W. A. Schmitthenner, who for twenty-four years has been a good and faithful servant (Matt. 25:21) as the treasurer of the institution. Mr. Friederich Kracke was elected as his successor.

By expropriation the whole block on which our Emigrant

House stands was claimed by the Government for the erection of a new custom house. The sum of $98,720.00 was paid to the Emigrant House Association for 26 State street on July 26, 1899. We were now compelled to make a purchase, and although the above-named item appears to be more than we needed to continue our work, it is a comparatively small sum, considering the value of the property on State street, the only place we could afford to remain. The Lord has directed us to our new location, which is No. 4 State street. The purchase was made for $80,000.00. On account of a five-year lease on this site which cannot be bought, we have rented No. 12 State street until the lease expires. Our mission will be carried on in our old premises, 26 State street, until the first of January, 1900.

The mission work among the emigrants during the last two years has maintained its usual course. Our missionary, Rev. H. J. Berkemeier, has been cordially welcomed by the officials in the Barge office (the landing place), and enjoys the same privileges there to all the apartments which were granted to his father. When the steamers arrive he welcomes the emigrants and distributes Church papers, tracts, almanacs, etc. He conducts to the Emigrant House those who desire to avail themselves of its many blessings. Every morning and evening he invites them into the chapel to give thanks and offer up prayers to God. He performs the duties of a good Samaritan, giving counsel in spiritual and temporal things, drying the many tears, quieting the sighs, advising the erring ones, showing them the right path, rescuing the prodigals, exhorting and encouraging all with whom he comes in contact to a new, and not seldom, to a better start in life, and above all, to remain faithful and true to the Gospel and Church of Christ.

The total number of guests was 9,391, who paid their board and enjoyed the blessing and protection of the institution; 3,032 received charitable assistance in accordance with Isa. 58:7 and Luke 10:34. We thank God for His blessings, and gratefully acknowledge the kind contributions of all who have helped us to relieve the wants of so many; but we still feel it our duty to make an earnest appeal to the generosity of our churches for more substantial aid, as our means are not adequate to the demands of the many who come to our doors in their great calamity.

About 7,850 letters, not including the many dispatches, messages, and telegrams, received prompt attention.

The object of our Emigrant Mission is to co-operate with all the Lutheran pastors of America, and to awaken a greater and more widespread interest for our Lutheran Church abroad. We therefore wish to recommend to the earnest consideration of the General Council to have an additional list of all the Lutheran pastors of America, arranged according to the States and their respective post-office addresses, printed in the almanac published by the Publication Board. This would enable us to give to each emigrant a reference to the pastor of his place of destination.

Our Mission has proved to be important and successful through the many struggles and hardships of a quarter of a century, and has reached a triumphant climax of its endeavors in the celebration of the quadro-centennial jubilee. But now, as God in His wise providence has called home the beloved founder of the institution, and permitted that we should be compelled to leave the well-known location, we are again facing great difficulties and new trials.

May God guide the hearts and hands of all concerned and make them willing to support in future the noble cause which He has established among us to His holy name's praise and glory.

W. Hauff,
Secretary of Immigrant Mission Board
of the General Council.

New York, Sept. 8, 1899.

Report of the Treasurer of the Immigrant Mission Board of the General Council

For the Two Years from July 1, 1897, to July 1, 1899.

1897.				
July 1.	Balance in Treasury for Immigrant Mission..	$ 11	50	
	Balance in Treasury for Poor Immigrants....	287	17	$298 67
	Receipts for Immigrant Mission.			
	Donations received from Synods, Congregations, Sunday-schools, Societies, etc., as acknowledged.....	$1,177	92	
	Receipts for Poor Immigrants.			
	Donations, as above.....	450	60	1,628 52
	Total.....			$1,927 19

DISBURSEMENTS FOR IMMIGRANT MISSION.

Salary of Missionary, †Rev. W. Berkemeier, one year and 8 months	$1,000 00	
Salary of Missionary, Rev. H. J. Berkemeier, for June, 1899	50 00	$1,050 00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR POOR IMMIGRANTS.

87 cases of assistance to Poor Immigrants and towards traveling expenses	$ 183 65	
4,400 St. Andrew's Society coffee tickets	44 00	
165 meals to the poor on Thanksgiving Day, 1898	33 00	
135 meals to the poor on Christmas Day, 1898	27 00	
445 cases of free lodging and board, paid to the Emigrant House	388 70	676 35
Total		$1,726 35

1899.

July 1.	To balance for Immigrant Mission	$ 139 42	
	To balance for Poor Immigrants	61 42	200 84
	Total		$1,927 19

F. KRACKE, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,

CHARLES D. BOSCHEN,

New York, July 1, 1899. President.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report be adopted, and that the election of Rev. Hermann J. Berkemeier as Emigrant Missionary be confirmed.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Spaeth,

Resolved, That Rev. G. C. F. Haas be appointed to prepare a Minute on the decease of the Rev. William Berkemeier for insertion in the Minutes.

Minute on the Death

OF THE

Rev. Wilhelm Berkemeier.

Born at Oerlinghausen, Lippe, Germany, Oct. 18, 1820.
Died at New York, N. Y., March 7, 1899.

The Rev. Wilhelm Berkemeier departed this life, falling asleep in Jesus, at his home and the scene of his life's work, the Lutheran Emigrant House in New York, on March 7, 1899, having attained the ripe age of 78 years, 4 months, and 19 days.

Originally brought up in the Reformed Church and trained to be a teacher, our venerable father and brother was in this, the land of his adoption, by the grace of the Lord, brought to a recognition of the precious truths taught and confessed by our Lutheran Church, and led into her service as a minister of the Gospel. As such he devotedly, faithfully, and zealously served his Lord and his Church, organizing and ministering to congregations in Pittsburgh, Pa., Wheeling, W. Va., and Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

His life's work, however, for which he was peculiarly fitted by his natural gifts of fatherly wisdom, kindness and authority, as well as by his cordial sympathy for the poor and helpless pilgrims of his tongue and of his faith, and his complete devotion to them, was the work of the Immigrant Mission. For nearly thirty-two years he devoted all his energies to the furtherance of this cause, being the chief instrument in the establishment and maintenance of the German Lutheran Emigrant House in New York as the center and focus of this mission.

Patriarchal in the wisdom of his counsel and the kindliness of his heart, untiring in his zeal, pure and consecrated in character and life, loyal to his Church, and the General Council in particular, for whose welfare he both worked and fought, he was an instrument in the hands of his Lord for the accomplishment of much good and the dissemination of many blessings far and wide.

We thank the Lord for the useful, protracted and honored life with which He blessed His devoted servant and through him His Church in our land.

We rejoice in the peacefulness of his departure from the toils of this life, and in the blessed hope that he has gone to the rest prepared for God's people.

We entreat for his bereaved family the comforting presence and the helpful consolations of the Father of mercies and of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

For the institution called into being and the work carried on by the prayers and labors of our sainted brother, we invoke the continued and abiding help and guidance of Almighty God.

Dr. Spaeth was excused from further attendance after this session.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Theses on Divorce and Re-marriage, presented by the Committee, be received and printed for consideration at the next Convention.

THESES ON MARRIAGE IN ITS RELATIONS TO DIVORCE.

1. MARRIAGE, according to God's Law, is a covenant indissoluble for life.

2. DIVORCE, by divine authority, is legitimate only when the marriage covenant, and with it, the Divine Law, has been broken either by husband or wife. Divorce cannot annul or dissolve the contract, or separate the parties. In its legitimate use, its office is only to declare formally that one party to the contract has already broken it, in violation of Divine Law, and that the other party is, therefore, free from all the obligations assumed in entering the holy estate.

3. VIOLATIONS OF THE MARRIAGE COVENANT completely disrupting it, are: (a) Adultery, Matt. 5:32; 19:5, 6. (b) Malicious desertion, I Cor. 7:15.

4. While the language of the passages in Matthew seems to restrict divorce to but one ground, "adultery," St. Paul in I Cor. 7:15, shows that desertion is the essential principle of adultery.

5. Only such "desertion" comes under this exception as is prolonged and withstands the most earnest efforts for its removal. The innocent party must exhaust all efforts to procure the return of the one offending, I Cor. 7:11.

6. In the application of this principle, habitual cruelty is regarded by many of our theologians as a clear violation of the marriage contract and a form of malicious desertion.

7. The distinction between divorce and separation "quoad mensam ac thorum," is recognized by the canonical law, and by the civil law of many States, but has no Scriptural foundations, and is replete with abuses whereof jurists complain.

8. Besides the causes enumerated, divorce is understood as including also a judicial decree declaring that the marriage had never valid existence, as in cases where a manifest fraud has been perpetrated by one party upon the other. Such a divorce is in harmony with Matt. 5:32; 19:5, 6, although it must be surrounded by the most rigid safeguards, if flagrant abuses are to be prevented.

9. Where the marriage covenant has been broken and the judicial decree has made public and formal declaration of the fact, the innocent party is freed from all obligations assumed, and stands in Divine Law as though such covenant had never been made. To the innocent party belongs, therefore, the right of remarriage.

10. But the decree of divorce, in freeing the innocent, does not, by Divine Law, give the right of remarriage to the party on account of whose breach of the contract the divorce has been given.

11. The Order of Marriage in the Church, i. e. by a Christian minister, is the public approval of the marriage as being legitimate, and the invoking the divine blessing upon it as such.

12. No minister can officiate at the marriage of those as to whose right to marriage he is in doubt.

13. It is not, however, the duty of the pastor to enter into an examination of the evidence that has determined the decree of a court, and thus, to assume to revise and amend its decisions; but where the divorce has been granted upon the grounds permitted in the Divine Law, the certificate of the divorce should ordinarily be taken as sufficient evidence.

14. In States where the divorce laws are lax, and other causes than those recognized in the Divine Law are admitted, the greatest caution must be observed lest divorces, made in violation of this law, be ecclesiastically approved, and persons be assured of the divine blessing, who, in God's law, are incapable of marriage.

Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, Secretary, presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." In beginning, permit us thus to record our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the merciful guidance experienced at His hands, as will appear from this report.

Shortly after your Convention at Erie, the Board re-elected its former officers, viz.:

President—Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D.

Secretary—Rev. F. W. Weiskotten.

Treasurer—Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph. D.

These officers were empowered to confer with W. H. Staake, Esq., and take the necessary steps in compliance with your instruction, toward securing the incorporation of the Board.

Application was duly made, and on January 22, 1898, Judge Gordon, of the Court of Common Pleas No. 3, of Philadelphia County, granted the Charter, a copy of which is herewith submitted. (See Appendix.)

The Board formally accepted the Charter and reorganized under it, by re-electing the officers. The Treasurer was required to give security in the sum of $3,000, with the understanding that this is to be increased when the business done may require it. The Bond was furnished by the "City Trust, Safe Deposit and Surety Company."

A committee was appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the Board. This was done and the draft is under consideration.

A resolution, offered at your last Convention, ordering the preparation of an edition of the Church Book in the ordinary form, containing the "Additional Prayers," was by you referred to the Board. The request has been complied with, and the book is on the market.

Certificates of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage have been provided.

Special rates for the introduction of our books, where not in use, were also granted. Quite a number of the congregations of the Canada Synod, improving this opportunity, have introduced the German Church Book. If the congregations who have not yet done so, will follow the example set, the time would seem to be near when the "Kirchenbuch" will be the only book of worship used in our German churches in Canada.

We tried to buy Mr. Frederick's "Church Almanac"; but he refused to sell it, unless we purchased his whole establishment.

Hence, beginning with the year 1898, we published "The Lutheran Church Almanac," which has met with an encouraging sale.

Last year we were successful in buying from Mrs. T. H. Diehl, "Der Lutherische Kalender," begun many years ago by the Rev. S. K. Brobst, of blessed memory. Two editions of this for 1899 have been sold. The preparation of the edition for A. D. 1900 is far advanced.

The Sunday-School Series.

We have continued the publication of the Teachers' and the Scholars' Lesson Quarterlies, and of "Sunbeams," the phenomenal

success of all which is due to the remarkably good work of your excellent Sunday-School Literature Committee. Of the new books of the series, we have published

1. "Bible Story: First Text-Book in Lutheran Lesson Series. New and Old Testament," in two editions, one for the Scholar, containing 209 pages, and another for the Teacher, 105 pages, of a larger size.

2. "Bible History: Second Grade Text-Book in Lutheran Lesson Series for Intermediate Sunday-schools." Two editions, one for the Scholar and one for the Teacher, each 261 pages.

The first of these has recently been issued also in the German language, under the title: "Biblische Erzählungen. Erstes Buch der Serie von Unterrichts-Hilfsmitteln für Lutherische Sonntag-schulen. Geschichten aus dem Neuen und Alten Testament." 208 pages.

Other Books.

We have also published in German, "Hand-Agende aus dem Kirchenbuch des General Concils," containing, in large type, the Orders for the Baptism of Children and Adults, Confirmation, Marriage, Communion of the Sick, Commendation of the Dying, and the Order for Funerals, making a little volume of 100 pages.

We were about to issue, in large type, the same Orders in the English language, when we were informed that certain changes were likely to be made, and so deemed it prudent to await these before going on with the work.

The plates of a German Primer, prepared by an experienced German parochial school-teacher, were offered us, gratis. We accepted the gift, and have issued the little book. It contains 76 pages, with 35 illustrations, as well as all necessary German script. Its title is, "Erstes Lesebuch für Wochen- und Sonntagschulen."

As the plates of the Order of Service in the German Church Book were in a very poor condition, we have caused them to be renewed in both editions, and embraced the opportunity of having them re-set in such a manner that the pages of the small book correspond with the pages of the large book.

Under the authority granted, we have concluded an agreement with Mrs. H. R. Spaeth, by which the "Church Book with Music," which has the endorsement of this body, is now issued by our Board. Mrs. Spaeth was willing to sell us the plates of the book. But we deemed it best, under existing circumstances, to

enter into an agreement on the basis of a commission. The agreement is to continue for a term of five years, with the privilege of extending it thereafter.

A similar agreement has been concluded with Mrs. Spaeth, by which the publication of "The Conservative Reformation," by Dr. C. P. Krauth, has been transferred to us.

We have also entered into an arrangement with the Rev. Dr. Seiss, to handle his book entitled "The Golden Altar," and his new book "Beacon Lights", which will appear in the month of November.

At the request of the Jubilee Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, we published, with our imprint, the "Documentary History of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States," containing the Proceedings of the Annual Conventions from 1748 to 1821. The cost of the plates, paper, presswork, etc., was borne by the Ministerium, and by agreement a percentage is allowed us for the expense of handling the book.

The Committee appointed by you to arrange for a General Conference of representative men of the General Council, the General Synod, and the United Synod South, requested the publication of the Proceedings of said Conference, with the essays prepared for the same. Believing it to be your desire that these should be published, we united with the "Lutheran Publication Society" in issuing the volume, bearing half of the expense, and receiving half of the edition of 1,000 copies.

We have been requested to handle a translation into English, of Löhe's Explanation of Luther's Catechism. Understanding that you may take action to provide a catechism with explanations, we have declined, without instructions from you, to handle this excellent little manual.

Of Books and Almanacs the following number of copies has been printed:

I. ENGLISH BOOKS.

Church Book, large	10,870
(This includes 1,700 copies of the "Mission Edition.")	
Church Book, small	7,725
Sunday-School Book, Music	14,750
Sunday-School Book, Words	22,750
Sunday-School Book, Old Edition	1,750
Little Children's Book	1,200
Luther's Catechism, Proof Texts	2,000

Luther's Catechism, Miniature	7,000
Constitution for Congregations	1,000
Waymarks for the Confirmed	500
Ministerial Acts	750
The Lutheran Church Almanac (Two years)	18,000

II. GERMAN BOOKS.

Kirchenbuch, large	8,865
Kirchenbuch, small	13,975
Sonntagschulbuch, Music	3,100
Sonntagschulbuch, Words	7,900
Sonntagschulbuch, Old Edition, Words	3,000
Katechismus, Miniature Edition	1,000
Hand Agende	250
Ministerial Handlungen	750
Erstes Lesebuch	1,000
Der Lutherische Kalender (One year)	7,500

III. SUNDAY-SCHOOL LITERATURE.

Vol. III, Commentary and Teachers' Lesson Quarterly	7,000
Scholars' Quarterly, Volume III, No. 4	55,000
"Sunbeams," Last Issue	13,000
Bible Story—Teachers' Book	1,400
—Scholar's Book	4,000
Bible Story—Teachers' Quarterly Edition	625
—Scholars' Quarterly Edition	5,000
Bible History—Teachers' Book	1,750
—Scholars' Book	4,250
—Scholars' Quarterly Edition	3,000
Biblische Erzählungen	3,750
Total number printed	98,775

INVENTORY.

The inventory of stock on hand shows a value of	$16,643 66
The value of the plates	7,146 62
Real Estate	21,171 41
	$44,961 69
Less Liabilities (Mortgage)	15,000 00
Show value of assets to be	$29,961 69

"The Lutheran."

As directed by you, the Board assumed the publication of your official organ, "The Lutheran." A sub-committee of five was elected October 26, 1897, consisting of the three members of the Board who had been members of the "Ways and Means Committee," together with the President of the Board, and Mr. James N. Mohr.

This sub-committee always met with the Managing Editor, Rev. G. W. Sandt, and reported to the Board every three months.

Its efforts were directed especially to an increase in the number of subscribers. Arrangements were made to inaugurate an effective and thorough canvass. Through the kind assistance of the Presidents of the Synods, certain pastors in the various Conferences were appointed as canvassing managers for their districts, with instructions to secure canvassers and the active co-operation of the pastors. It was soon found, however, that most of these managers were too abundant in parish labors to enable them to devote the necessary time effectively to superintend such a canvass, though commendable efforts in that direction had been made. A number of canvassers had been secured, but as they could not be properly trained and directed, most of them abandoned the work. For more than a year this system was tried. It became more and more evident that what was needed was, in the first place, a canvassing manager, with some experience, who should devote his entire time to the work, and, in the second, competent canvassers who could give the work a dignity which, in the views of many, unfortunately, it does not possess. The services of the Rev. A. H. Bartholomew, of the Pittsburg Synod, were secured as canvassing manager for that Synod in November, 1898, and later for the entire territory of the Council, and since he has taken charge the subscription list has steadily increased. We had also been able to secure several good canvassers in Eastern Pennsylvania, who devoted their time to the work with equally encouraging results.

With the new arrangement made, the co-operation of the pastors is needed as much as ever. There are multitudes of our people who are reading what is out of harmony with the cultus and training of our Church. What is taught in our Sunday-schools, in the catechetical class, and from the pulpit, is either deluged with a flood of unwholesome reading that gets into our people's homes, or is not reinforced by any reading that is calculated to make them intelligent and active Church members. A paper, magazine, or book, is a powerful educator for good or ill, and it is of the utmost importance that pastors endeavor to discover what their people are reading, and to aid in inducing them to read our Lutheran literature. Let the pastors, then, as a number have done, render all the aid it is possible for them to give to the canvassers.

The Church will not fail to appreciate the work of the worthy Editor-in-chief, the venerable Dr. Krotel, nor that of the able Managing editor, Rev. G. W. Sandt, who have made "The Lutheran" a household friend in thousands of homes.

Rev. Prof. W. Wackernagel, D.D., and Rev. J. A. Scheffer were continued to make and arrange the selections for the Monthly edition of "The Lutheran."

We here insert the Report of the Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF "THE LUTHERAN."

From October 1, 1897, to August 31, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

Cash Balance, October 1, 1897		$57 92	
Contributions to Special and Guarantee Fund	$189 00		
Subscriptions to Weekly and Monthly	13,683 36		
Arrearages on Workman account	202 16		
Premiums (Bibles, Books, etc.)	456 41		
Advertising	1,260 00	15,790 93	
Total		$15,848 85	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paper, Printing and Mailing	$9,258 39		
Salaries	4,570 60		
Premiums (Bibles, etc.)	491 12		
All other Expenses	725 53		
Total		$15,045 64	
Leaving a balance of			$803 21

CHAS. B. OPP,
Treasurer.

Publication House,
August 31, 1899.

The Finance Committee having examined the above account, find it correct.

WM. ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER.
JAMES G. FINLEY.

Philadelphia, Sept. 20, 1899.

Apparently there is a surplus, but if the Board had charged up against the paper its proportion of expenses for room rent and manager's salary, i. e. $260.00 unpaid October 1, 1897, and $1,345.00 for the past twenty-three months, there would be a deficit of $1,605.00.

To meet this, credit should be given for the value of the

advertising space, which at the lowest rate is worth $810.00, which, added to the balance above, shows that the paper has paid its expenses.

Newspaper agencies and Press associations control most of the advertising offered, and it can be obtained only through them. Much of this, however, is of a kind that would lower the standard of the paper. We have firmly adhered to the principle of publishing a clean periodical, even though it should be at a loss, in preference to admitting into our columns advertisements of questionable character.

The mailing list, Sept. 1, 1899, contained the addresses of:

4,550	subscribers.
137	exchanges.
39	correspondents.
182	gratis as samples to canvassers, etc.
24	advertising agencies.
165	trial subscriptions.
5,097	in all.

The mailing list of the Monthly contained the names of:

2,802	subscribers.
900	Local editions.
46	exchanges.
27	Messenger Association members.
A total of..	3,775

Since the first of September there has been an increase of upwards of 200 subscriptions, so that the combined circulation of the Weekly and Monthly editions is more than 9,000 copies.

† Rev. J. K. Plitt.

In the month of April, 1898, the Lord removed from us Rev. J. K. Plitt, who for a number of years was the faithful and efficient agent of our Board, and who devoted a portion of his time to our work until two weeks before his death, when sickness compelled him to desist. His presence is greatly missed. Always kind and pleasant, ready for any work, we record our appreciation of his services.

The Treasurer of the Board, Prof S. P. Sadtler, Ph. D., presents the following Report:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD.

From October 1, 1897, to August 31, 1899.

Receipts.

Balance October 1, 1895	$ 1,136 84	
From Sales of Publications	59,650 27	
Special Loan, less discount	2,938 50	
Rent	116 00	
Contribution towards a Building Fund	5 00	
Interest on Bank balances	75 79	
Total		$63,922 40

Disbursements.

For Paper	$11,105 47	
Printing	14,460 10	
Binding	12,465 77	
Electrotype Plates and Cuts	1,119 47	
Merchandise Purchases	1,863 44	
Printing General Council Eng. and Ger. Minutes	967 52	
Salaries	5,528 80	
Expenses of Committee on Sunday-School Work	1.700 00	
Rent	947 00	
Insurance on Stock	71 46	
Postage and Express Charges	1,189 09	
Incorporation Expenses	86 30	
Real Estate Account and Expenses	6,171 41	
Special Loan repaid	2,968 50	
Taxes	363 25	
Miscellaneous Expenses, including Moving and Alterations	1,689 90	
		62,697 48
Leaving a balance of		$ 1,224 92

SAM. P. SADTLER,
Treasurer.

Publication House, August 31, 1899.

The Finance Committee having examined the above account, find it correct.

WM. ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER.
JAMES G. FINLEY.

Philadelphia, Sept. 20, 1899.

If to the amount received $63,922.40
we add the income of "The Lutheran" 15,848.85

we find that the amount foots up ..... $79,771.25, a sum which will be a surprise to many, as it certainly was to the Board.

This increase of business necessitated an increase in our working force.

Besides our efficient Business Manager, we now have two young men and two young women, who devote all their time to office work.

A Publication House.

On October 1, 1898, our lease for rooms at No. 1204 Walnut street was to expire, and it was thought desirable to secure better accommodations. Efforts put forth in that direction, however, proved futile. Rooms such as we needed could not be found, and the houses offered for sale seemed beyond our reach. The property No. 1204 Arch street was offered, but the lowest price asked was $50,000. Opposite this, No. 1213 Arch street, seemed also to be a fair property, but no definite sum was asked for it. We were requested to make an offer. We did so, but it was not accepted, because deemed insufficient. Other properties offered were not suited for our purpose, especially when we looked into the future. We were obliged to give up our search and on August 8, 1898, resolved to remain where we were.

Six months later, on February 16, 1899, our Business Manager was startled by the information that the party from whom we had rented our rooms at No. 1204 Walnut street, was financially involved, and that if we did not remove our stock and fixtures at once, there was danger that they would be attached. Arrangements were at once made with Mr. Freeman, who permitted the removal of our property to the fourth floor of his building at the southwestern corner of 12th and Walnut streets, for storage only.

Here was a predicament. A special meeting of the Board was at once called, to meet in St. John's Church, and a committee appointed to secure another location. This Committee worked day after day, and, at last, as we believed, found suitable rooms at No. 1102 Walnut street, which were offered for rent. The Business Manager was instructed to rent them. The agent, however, said that the property had recently changed hands, and he must first hear from the new owner. This owner failed to reply immediately and we could not wait. Another agent to whom application was made for rooms, stated to Mr. Opp that he was just then in the position to sell us a suitable and desirable house at a very reasonable rate. The owner resided in Paris, but was about to return to America, hence he, the agent, was very anxious to sell at once. It was the house No. 1522 Arch street, in a most desirable neighborhood, which he offered to us

at the very lowest figure for which the owner would sell it, viz., $21,000.

The Board was informed of this offer, and went to examine the property. This inspection convinced all that the house was well built on a solid foundation, and was in excellent condition, the owner having spared no expense in making it both strong and comfortable. It contains 19 rooms, has a frontage of 22 feet on Arch street, and extends southward of the same width 146 feet 8 inches to Cuthbert street, which is 30 feet wide.

Knowing that a short distance below more than twice as much money had been paid for a property but little wider and considerably shorter, it was evident that the price asked was remarkably low. All recognized the overruling hand of Providence in the fact that this opportunity was offered at the time of our extremity, and it was unanimously resolved to purchase the building as a Publication House. This was done February 27, 1899. One month later the settlement took place. The sum of $3,000 was taken from our treasury; $15,000 was borrowed on a mortgage for three years at four per cent. flat, payable to "Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia"; and $3,000 were borrowed on a note of our Treasurer, endorsed by our President, Secretary and Business Manager. This note bore date March 27, 1899, the day of settlement, and was for four months, with the privilege of making a payment thereon at the end of two months. Before the expiration of the two months, on the 25th day of May, we were able, not only to make a payment thereon, but to redeem the note. The only encumbrance now resting upon the property is the mortgage for $15,000.

The house purchased was used as a boarding-house. For the time being we occupy only such rooms as we actually need; the others are rented at a rate which pays the interest on the mortgage.

The two weeks between the time of our leaving No. 1204 Walnut street, and our moving into our new and permanent quarters, were a great strain upon our Business Manager, who worked both day and night to keep our business going amid all the discomforts, lack of facilities, and worry caused by this unexpected turn in events. We would herewith bear cheerful testimony to his self-sacrificing faithfulness, and to the efficiency manifested in this most trying period of our history.

The purchase of the Publication House has made it impossible for us to distribute any funds for mission purposes, much as we may have desired to do so.

The securing of a permanent home is a stride forward of such great importance that we can scarcely realize it. The location, the low price, the easy terms of payment, God's guiding hand so evident throughout the whole matter, all fill our hearts with gratitude; and we believe that the whole General Council will unite with us in rendering praise and thanksgiving to Him who doeth all things well. The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Board,

F. W. WEISKOTTEN,

Secretary.

Supplemental.

A committee of three appointed by the Iowa Synod at its recent meeting is here, and has conferred with the members of the Board of Publication in attendance at this Convention. The Iowa Synod requests that you authorize your Publication Board to supply the Iowa Synod's Publishing House with an edition of the portions of the Kirchenbuch from pages 1 to 35 inclusive, and from page 361 to the end of the book, comprising the Orders of Service, the Psalms, and the Hymns.

They will continue the use of the entire book also, but desire to comply with the wishes of some of their congregations, who desire only these portions of the book, especially to facilitate its introduction.

The members of your Board of Publication here present would respectfully recommend that the request of the Iowa Synod be granted.

The representatives of the Iowa Synod also ask whether the time has not come for issuing an Edition of the Kirchenbuch of intermediate size. This is a wish that has also frequently been expressed by pastors and members of our German Congregations in the East. We would recommend that you instruct your Board of Publication to issue such an edition of said Book.

On behalf of the members of the Board of Publication here present, respectfully submitted,

F. W. WEISKOTTEN,

Chicago, Oct. 2, 1899. Secretary of the Board.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Schmauk,

Resolved, 1. That the Report of the Board of Publication be adopted.

2. That the General Council commend the Publication Board in securing the valuable property now in its possession, and in establishing a permanent location for its rapidly increasing trade.

3. That we express our satisfaction and gratification in the success of "The Lutheran," and at the manner in which it is being conducted.

4. That we grant the request of the German Synod of Iowa.

5. That we ask the Publication Board to publish an edition of the "Kirchenbuch" of intermediate size.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Weiskotten,

Resolved, That the part of the Publication Board's Report relating to "The Lutheran Book Store" be omitted from the printed Minutes.

Rev. G. C. F. Haas presented the following motion:

Resolved, That if, in the discretion of the Publication Board, it be feasible, an additional list of ministers be included in the Almanac, arranged geographically.

Referred to the Board of Publication, with power to act.

During the discussion the floor was granted to Rev. Prof. John Fritschel, of the Committee appointed by the German Synod of Iowa to confer with the General Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Charter of the Board of Publication be printed in the Minutes. (See Appendix.)

Rev. Dr. F. Richards presented the Report of the Committee to Nominate an Editorial Staff for the "Lutherische Herold."

The report was adopted, but the action was rescinded next day.

Rev. Dr. Trabert presented a request of the English Synod of the Northwest, with reference to furnishing the Mission Edition of the Church Book to all missions at actual cost, and to all others at a price not to exceed the sum of 50 cents.

On motion,

Resolved, That this request be referred to the Board of Publication.

Rev. Dr. Spaeth presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEACONESS WORK.

In the two years since the last Convention of the General Council the Deaconess cause has been quietly but steadily progressing in our Lutheran Church of this country. Immediately after the meeting of the General Council in Erie the second Conference of Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouses was held in Milwaukee, October 20th to 22d, 1897. The Motherhouses of Phila-

delphia, Omaha, Baltimore, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis were regularly represented, and official visitors appeared from Brooklyn and Chicago. An important agreement was reached concerning the Motherhouses with reference to Deaconesses who desire to change their connection and membership from one house to another. The Conference expressed the wish that, if any additions were made to the prayers now found in the authorized Service Books of our General Bodies, the Deaconess cause should be recognized by the insertion of suitable Collects.

The following topics were discussed by the Conference on the basis of carefully prepared papers: 1. "The Training of Deaconesses." 2. "How May Interest in the Deaconess Cause Be Stimulated and Devout Women Be Won for the Work?" 3. "Parish Deaconess Work." 4. "The Sister in the Kindergarten." 5. "The Peculiarities in American Religious and Social Life That Must Be Considered in the Training of Deaconesses in America."

Through the liberality of Mr. J. D. Lankenau, President of the Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses, the Proceedings of this second Conference, like those of the first, were published in a neat pamphlet of 28 pages, which can be had, free of charge, by applying to the Rev. Karl Goedel, Mary J. Drexel Home, Philadelphia.

At the General Conference of Lutherans in America, held in Philadelphia, December 27-29, 1898, special attention was given to the Deaconess cause. One of the sessions of the Conference was held in the Chapel of the Philadelphia Motherhouse, and papers were read and discussed, on "Deaconess Work," and on "The Beginnings and Principles of the Deaconess Motherhouse."

Two of our American Lutheran Motherhouses—Philadelphia and Baltimore—are now in full and regular connection with the General Conference of Motherhouses, which meets every third year in Kaiserswerth, on the Rhine.

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the first attempt to transplant the institution of Deaconesses from Europe to America, when Theodore Fliedner, at the call of the late Dr. W. A. Passavant, brought four Sisters to Pittsburgh, and assisted in the dedication of the Passavant Infirmary, the first Protestant Hospital in this country. The jubilee will be fittingly celebrated by the opening and dedication of a new and well-equipped hospital building in Pittsburgh.

The present statistics of the different Lutheran Motherhouses in America are as follows:

1. Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses.

Rev. Karl Goedel, Pastor.
Emilie Schwartz, Sister Superior.

Deaconesses, 31; Probationers, 40.

Fields of labor: In the Motherhouse: 1. Old People's Home, 40 inmates, 1 Sister; 2. Children's Hospital, 391 patients, 6 Sisters; a Boys' Evening School and an English Kindergarten are connected with the Hospital Work; 3. Girls' School, 38 pupils, 5 Sisters; 4. Infants' School, 60 pupils, 2 Sisters. Out-Stations: 1. German Hospital, Philadelphia, 3,598 patients, 30 Sisters; 2. Zion's German Lutheran Congregation, 1 Sister; 3. St. Paul's German Lutheran Congregation, 1 Sister; 4. Easton Hospital, 241 patients, 4 Sisters; 5. St. John's Home, Allegheny, Pa., 10 inmates, 1 Sister; 6. St. John's General Hospital, Allegheny, Pa., 430 patients, 5 Sisters; 7. One Deaconess was stationed in the Milwaukee Motherhouse as Training Sister.

This Motherhouse suffered a severe loss in the death of its Sister Superior, Wanda von Oertzen, who died at Berlin, November 14, 1897, and of Consul Meyer, who died at Philadelphia, August, 1898. Wm. H. Staake, Esq., who entered the Board in 1898, succeeded him as Vice-President in 1899.

2. Immanuel Deaconess Institute, Omaha, Neb.

Rev. E. A. Fogelström, Pastor.
Märta Söderbaum, Sister Superior.

Deaconesses, 13; Probationers, 12.

Fields of labor: In the Motherhouse: Immanuel Hospital, 10 Sisters, private nursing, 2. Out-Stations: 1. Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, 4 Sisters; 2. Augustana Congregation, Sioux City, Iowa, 1 Sister; 3. Augustana Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn., 1 Sister; 4. First Swedish Lutheran Church, Duluth, 1 Sister; 5. Immanuel Congregation, Chicago, 1 Sister.

3. Milwaukee Deaconess Motherhouse.

(Under the Direction of the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses of the County of Allegheny, Pa.)

Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., Rector and Director.
Martha Gensike, Directing Sister.

Deaconesses, 6; Probationers, 20.

Fields of labor: The Milwaukee Hospital, 590 patients, 13 Sisters; The Passavant Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., 270 patients, 3 Sisters; The Passavant Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa., 155 patients, 4 Sisters; The Passavant Memorial Homes for the Care of Epileptics, Rochester, Pa., 30 inmates (51 since the Home was opened), 4 Sisters.

The Rev. J. F. Ohl, who had for five years been the Rector of the Motherhouse, removed to Philadelphia in December, 1898. The Rev. W. K. Frick temporarily discharged the duties of chaplain in the Hospital, and gave the hours of instruction in the Deaconess house. On the first of July, 1899, the Rev. W. A. Passavant was called by the Board to the office of Rector.

The Rectory in Milwaukee has been fitted and furnished as a temporary Motherhouse, until such time as Providence shall indicate where the permanent headquarters of the Sisterhood shall be located and built.

The Annals of the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses, published every two months at the price of 25 cents a year, give full information on this branch of the Deaconess Work.

4. The Baltimore Motherhouse and Training School.

Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D. D., Pastor.
Jennie Christ, Sister Superior.

Deasonesses, 10; Probationers, 12.

Fields of labor: In the Motherhouse, 5 Deaconesses. In Out-Stations, 5 Deaconesses; in New York (Christ's and St. John's Churches), 2 Deaconesses; in Baltimore (Grace Church), 1; in Loysville Orphan's Home, 1; in various places 1 nursing Sister.

The Motherhouse is still in rented property, though the General Synod directed the Board "at the earliest practical time, to secure such a property as will be adequate to the present and prospective needs of the work, and, in their judgment, to plan for such a gradual development of the property as the growing needs may demand and financial ability may justify." The General Synod doubled the apportionment for the Deaconess Board, making it seven cents per communicant member. The course of training was lengthened to two and a half years as a minimum. The growth of this institution has been steady, though it lost two Deaconesses and one Probationer.

5. Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Institute, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. S. R. Tollefson, Pastor.
Ingeborg Sponland, Sister Superior.

Deaconesses, 11; Probationers, 20.

Fields of labor: In the Motherhouse, 4 Sisters. Out-Stations: 1. Orphans' Home, Paulsbo, Wash., 3 Sisters; 2. Orphans' Home, Lake Park, Minn., 3 Sisters; 3. Orphans' Home, Beresford, S. D., 2 Sisters; 4. Orphans' Home, Beloit, Iowa, 5 Sisters; 5. Orphans' Home, Lamberton, Minn., 1 Sister; 6. Hospital, Grand Forks, N. D., 4 Sisters; 7. Hospital, Hillsboro, N. D., 2 Sisters; 8. Hospital, Austin, Minn., 3 Sisters; 9. Foreign Mission, Madagascar, 2 Sisters.

6. Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Home and Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. M. H. Hegge, Pastor.
Mathilda Madland, Sister Superior.

Deaconesses, 6; Probationers, 7. All employed in the Motherhouse. One, and sometimes two, Deaconesses are regularly laboring among the sick and the poor outside the Hospital. In the fall of 1897 a site for a new hospital was purchased opposite the present one. The ground is paid for, and about $6,000 are subscribed towards the new building. In 1898 the total number of patients treated in the Hospital was 2,193, in 19,782 nursing days.

7. Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Home in Chicago.

Ingeborg Oberg, Sister Superior.

One consecrated Deaconess and eight Probationers are working in the Motherhouse.

Respectfully submitted,
In behalf of the Committee,
A. Spaeth, Chairman.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report be accepted and spread on the Minutes, and that the Committee be continued.

After the use of the Lord's Prayer, adjourned.

TENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 4, 9:00 A. M.

Rev. Dr. G. W. Mechling, of Lancaster, Ohio, conducted the devotional service: Order of Morning Service, Hymn 248, John 17:1-10.

The Minutes of Tuesday afternoon were read and approved.

NEXT MEETING.

An invitation to hold the next Convention in St. Paul's Church, Lima, Ohio, was extended through Dr. Mechling, and was accepted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Schmauk,

Resolved, That hereafter, until the General Council order otherwise, the Conventions of the General Council be held biennially, beginning on the second Thursday in October.

Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING JEWISH MISSION WORK.

Your Committee respectfully reports that, as a Committee, it has not been able to hold a meeting. Those of its members within easy access have discussed the duties assigned to it. They find that no organized work in behalf of the evangelization of Israel was undertaken by the Lutheran Church in this country until 1878, when Norwegian Lutherans, irrespective of Synodical connection, founded the "Zion Society"; or, "Zions Foreningen for Israel."

Russia, the home of Jewish orthodoxy, is the principal field for the operations of this Society. There two missionaries have been sustained, and in spite of the prejudice against them, their labor has not been in vain.

The station of this Society at Baltimore, Md., was made vacant in 1896 by the death of the missionary, Rev. Paul Werber. It has not been possible as yet properly to fill this vacancy.

The annual income of this Society is about $3,500, and comes from the free-will offerings of the people. Their interest is kept active by the visits and addresses of the Society's traveling

representative. At present the principal contributions come from the congregations of the "United Norwegian Lutheran Church of America," and of the Hauge Synod.

In 1883 the Synod of Missouri, etc., entered upon and has since sustained, work among the Jews of New York City. They have one missionary; the free-will offerings from the Synod in support of this mission are about $1,300 annually.

Whilst the Joint Synod of Ohio has not made organization for work among God's covenant people, it appropriates a certain sum each year for the distribution of Christian literature among the Jews; also literature among their own congregations, to set forth their duty toward Israel, and thus the Synod is preparing for aggressive work in the future.

In January, 1894, the German Lutheran Synod of Iowa, etc., called one of its pastors, Rev. E. N. Heimann, from a fourteen years' pastorate at Cresco, Iowa, to take up work for the Israelitish population of Chicago.

In the prosecution of his two-fold call—to bring Jesus of Nazareth, the true Messiah, to the Jews, and to awaken, increase and maintain interest among Lutheran Christians in behalf of this work, a brief summary of his faithful labors is both gratifying and instructive. Among the Jews it indicates the hand-to-hand character of the Missionary's work.

From July, 1896, to July, 1899, Missionary Heimann visited 1,216 Jews; 1,570 Israelites have privately visited him. With all these he conversed and earnestly discussed the great question: "What think ye of Christ, whose Son is He?" The Missionary made 253 public addresses and sermons to nearly 2,000 Jewish auditors, on the same subject; he distributed to Jews 3 English, 4 German and 5 Hebrew Bibles complete; 3 English, 6 German, 425 Jewish-German, 12 Jewish-Jargon, 2,000 Hebrew New Testaments, 32 Gospels, nearly 1,200 tracts, 4 Bible histories, 9 Lutheran catechisms, 8 Church Books, 6 Prayer books, and 15 other Christian books—a total of nearly 4,000 tracts, Bibles and Scriptural literature.

In this period 2,258 hours were given to the instruction of 58 Jews in the Christian faith as confessed by the Lutheran Church; 8 adults and 4 children being added to the Church by Holy Baptism.

During this time the Missionary has addressed 152 Christian

assemblies at Synodical, Conference and pastoral meetings, so reaching and interesting many ministers in the Mission. He has spoken at many Mission festivals, to ladies' societies he has explained at their monthly meetings the Messianic Old Testament prophecies, and to the students of the Chicago Theological Seminary, by means of weekly lessons he has given exegetical instruction in the study of Hebrew.

Since July, 1898, a clergyman of the Swedish Augustana Synod has brought the claims of the Chicago Jewish Mission to the notice of many Scandinavian churches.

Toward the support of the Mission within the three years past, from the churches of the Iowa Synod, $4,969.73 has been contributed; from friends and churches elsewhere in the General Council, $2,755.12.

A local sub-committee, made up of clerical members from different Synods, has co-operated with the Committee of the Iowa Synod in administering and aiding the Missionary in his plans and labors.

The General Council has been pleased to commend work among the Jews and also the Iowa Synod's Chicago Mission at Easton, Pa. (see Min., p. 50), and at Erie, Pa. (see Min., p. 89).

It is suggested that the General Council respectfully request its several Synods to set apart, as has already been done by the Synod of Iowa and by the Chicago Synod, the 10th Sunday after Trinity as a day for the special consideration and presentation of the claims and needs of God's people Israel, and to ask and gather offerings to be used in proclaiming to the Jews, Jesus, the True Messiah, and in bringing them, through God's gracious aid, to the acceptance of Him as their only Saviour; at the same time again considering the Chicago Jewish Mission, which already has so many friends in the General Council, as the channel through which these offerings will well be used to forward the evangelization of Israel.

H. W. Roth.
A. J. D. Wedemeyer.
C. A. Evald.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report be received and spread on the Minutes, and that the Committee be continued.

Rev. Dr. Seiss presented the

REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the President, presented at the opening of the present Convention of the General Council, begs leave to report:

I. That they have examined said Report, and find in it a good synopsis of various interests of the General Council, and of the Lutheran Church.

II. As respects most of the matters noted, they are in the hands of Committees or Boards of the Council, from whom Reports are to be made, and hence do not require treatment in in this connection.

III. As to Finland, and our Lutheran brethren there, your Committee is in accord with the President in deploring the wrongs and hardships inflicted by the Russian government by voiding the long-standing compact with the people of that country, and by the intolerance being exercised against our Lutheran Church and people of that land, who much deserve our sympathies and remembrance in our prayers. It is a matter of rejoicing, however, that many of them are finding an asylum in our own free country, where they can remain loyal to the faith and Church of their fathers, and worship God according to their own convictions.

IV. As to the numerous and subtle temptations by the activities of errorists of various names and pretensions, who, under many plausible pretexts, would draw away our people from the Gospel and the only saving truth as confessed and held by our Evangelical Lutheran Church, your Committee approves the admonitions of the President for all to guard carefully against these seductive falsities under whatever garb or guise presented, as timely and important. Our people need to be awake to and to stand fast in the faith once for all delivered to the Saints and to bear in mind the danger of which the Saviour forewarned His followers, lest they should be unwittingly seduced from sole trust in Him "who was delivered for our offenses, and raised again for our justification." It is a matter for devout thanksgiving to Almighty God that, while many Christian bodies are troubled by the inroads of divers forms of unbelief and heresy, our Lutheran Church of this country has been graciously preserved from any

serious troubles with a creedless rationalism, or a presumptuous and destructive criticism of the inspired Records; and, on the other hand, has been showing a deepening appreciation of the truth, and is becoming all the more confirmed in holding to the Confessions of the orthodox Church of all ages, and in maintaining the foundations on which the great Reformation was wrought. It has been the good fortune of our Church to have a clear and well-defined faith based on the infallible Word of God, and it cannot be otherwise than calamitous for our people to allow themselves to be moved or in any way drifted from these solid and invincible foundations.

V. Your Committee also unites with the President in deploring the unsatisfactoriness of the diverse condition of the marriage laws in the several States, especially on the subject of divorce, some of which make light of the solemn bond of marriage; and we move that the General Council hereby express its sense of the very great desirability of uniform laws on the subject, and, if possible, the enactment of such laws on marriage and divorce by the Congress of the United States.

VI. Your Committee regrets that the late President did not feel himself able to attend this meeting of the Council, and prays and hopes that he may be preserved in health and strength for the continued service of the Church to which his labors have been given in the past.

VII. Having observed that this Report of the late President was published before it was submitted to the General Council, your Committee would suggest the impropriety of following this as a precedent, and that more reserve in the case of official documents of this character would best comport with what is deemed desirable and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. A. Seiss.
Edmund Belfour.
G. W. Mechling.
J. Boyd Duff.
Jas. C. Barr.

Adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Nicum,

Resolved, That the item referring to the Finns be communicated by the Swedish Corresponding Secretary to the President of the Suomi Synod.

Rev. Dr. Ochsenford presented, and the Council adopted, the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee, appointed to make nominations for the various Boards of the General Council, begs leave to report as follows:

I. Board of English Home Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Joseph A. Seiss.	E. Aug. Miller.
Samuel Laird.	Samuel P. Sadtler.
Franklin J. F. Schantz.	Henry Beates.
Stephen A Repass.	Henry Lehman.
Oliver P. Smith.	John Reinoehl.
Wm. A Passavant, Jr.	Alfred G. Saeger.
John E. Whitteker.	J. Martin Rommel.
	Julius A. Bohn.

II. Board of German Home Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Frederick W. Weiskotten.	Martin Wulff.
Christian G. Fischer.	Chas. D. Boschen.
John J. Kuendig.	Louis W. Kaufmann.
Geo. C. F. Haas.	F. Speckel.
Edward F. Moldehnke.	John Sutter.
John J. Heischmann.	
Daniel W. Peterson.	
Emil Hoffmann.	
Geo. C. Eisenhardt.	
Emil Kraeling.	

III. Board of Swedish Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Eric Norelius.	Prof. C. W. Foss.
Conrad E. Lindberg.	J. G. Spencer.
Carl A. Hemborg.	Victor Hedman.
J. G. Dahlberg.	A. P. Soederquist.
L. G. Abrahamson.	

IV. Board of Foreign Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Hugo Grahn.	Wm. H. Staake.
Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer.	Albert Oetinger.
J. Luther Sibole.	Conrad Itter.
Frederick W. Weiskotten.	J. Wash. Miller.
Edward E. Sibole.	Joseph A. Bremer.
Carl A. Blomgren.	Geo. W. March.
Ernest R. Cassaday.	M. L. Heist.
L. G. Abrahamson.	Chas. A. Smith.

V. Board of Immigrant Missions.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Geo. C. F. Haas.	Wm. Hauff.
Daniel W. Peterson.	L. F. J. Anger.
Alexander Richter.	Martin Wulff.
H. Beiderbecke.	C. A. Peterson.
H. D. Kraeling.	Chas. D. Boschen.
	F. Kracke.

VI. Board of Publication.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer.	Samuel P. Sadtler.
Frederick W. Weiskotten.	James N. Mohr.
Samuel L. Ziegenfuss.	James G. Finley.
J. Luther Sibole.	Chas. B. Opp.
Geo. C. F. Haas.	
Chas. J. Cooper.	

VII. Trustees of the General Council.

1901.

Rev. Adolph Spaeth, D. D., LL. D.
Rev. Samuel Laird, D. D.
Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., LL. D.

1902.

E. Augustus Miller, Esq.
Mr. William F. Monroe.
Mr. Henry Lehman.

The President appointed as the Standing Committee on Education: Rev. Drs. T. L. Seip, R. F. Weidner, T. E. Schmauk, O. Olsson, T. B. Roth, H. E. Jacobs, Revs. J. A. W. Haas, G. W. Sandt, and C. L. Fry, and Profs. R. K. Buehrle and William Swingle.

Rev. Dr. Seiss read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHURCH BOOK.

I. The authority given by the General Council to its Committee on the Church Book to revise and rearrange some portions of the Orders for Ministerial Acts, has not been exercised. Meetings for work to that end were held and some progress made, but when it was ascertained that the proposal to prepare a Common Order and Communion Hymnal for the General Bodies co-operating in the foundation of the Common Service was likely to go in-

to effect, it was thought well not to enter upon changes in the Church Book at the present time.

II. In the matter of a Common Order of Ministerial Acts and Hymnal, two joint meetings of the Committees of these General Bodies were held, the whole question discussed, and the conclusion reached to enter devoutly upon the work of preparing such Orders and Hymnal on the same general principles, as far as applicable, on which the Common Service was formed. Some sub-committees were appointed to whom the several departments of the work were referred for report to a general meeting to be held in Philadelphia during October of the present year. Progress in the undertaking will necessarily be slow, but the indications are promising that a consummation so desirable is within reach.

III. The Translation of Luther's Small Catechism into a standard English Version was completed by the Joint Committee at Wernersville, Pa., in September, 1898, and recommended for adoption by the three general Bodies as the best that can be made. The same was printed in the "Lutheran Church Review," and appear also in the Minutes of the recent meeting of the General Synod, which has adopted it. It is now presented for adoption by the General Council also. To this end an exact copy, in print, is herewith submitted.

IV. In answer to request from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, an Order for the use of colors and drapery for the altar in the several seasons of the Church Year was agreed upon and recommended by your Committee, and duly published by the Board of Publication, for the general direction of those wishing to follow the approved Order. A copy of the same is herewith submitted.

Pulpit and Altar Colors.

1. From the beginning of Advent to Christmas	**Violet.**
2. From Christmas Eve to the first Sunday after Epiphany.	**White.**
3. From the second Sunday after Epiphany to Quinquagesima Sunday, inclusive.	**Green.**
4. Ash Wednesday, and from Ash Wednesday, during the Lenten season, to Palm Sunday, inclusive.	**Violet.**

5. From Palm Sunday during the whole of Holy Week.	**Black.**
6. Easter Sunday and from Easter to Pentecost,	**White.**
7. Pentecost, or Whitsunday, and Trinity Sunday inclusive,	**Red.**
8. For the Sundays after Trinity.	**Green.**
9. For the Minor Church Festivals.	**Red.**
10. For Harvest Festival, Reformation Day, Thanksgiving and festivals of particular individual congregations.	**Red.**

Directions for their Use.

The manner of displaying these several colors should follow a consistent order. Hence the Committee also recommends the following as an approved way of arranging the decorations of the altar:

1. The top of the altar always to have upon it a white cover, the exact size of the top of the altar, which may be of woolen or any other material.

2. Over this, and hanging as a pendant over the middle of the front of the altar, the color which marks the particular festival season of the Church Year.

3. Over this, a few inches wider than the depth of the altar, and about three feet longer than the length of the altar, so as to hang down over the ends of the altar about a foot and a half, a large white linen cover, the pendant ends of which may be embroidered or fringed; this white linen cover to be kept perpetually in its place at all times.

4. When there is a communion, a square linen cover, the exact depth of the altar, but not overhanging it, is to be laid on the center, on which the communion vessels are to stand. A cross may be embroidered on the center of it, and its edges may be fringed.

5. A delicate veil of fine material and richly ornamented, is to be spread over the communion vessels when not being used

in the service. It may be white, or daintily colored according to the season of the Church Year.

V. At a Convention of the Sunday-schools of Berks County, Pa., October, 1898, it was resolved to request the Church Book Committee to prepare forms of service for Sunday-school Festivals and Anniversaries. This request was only recently received, and has not been considered by the Committee. It is suggested that this request be referred to the Committee on Sunday-school Work with favorable recommendation.

VI. It has been the order heretofore to pay necessary expenses of the members of the Committee on the Church Book by the publishers of the books prepared by it. This is so reasonable, that to avoid any misunderstanding, the General Council is requested to reaffirm the order.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. A. Seiss,

Chairman of the Committee.

The report was adopted with its several recommendations, including the adoption of the Standard English Version of Luther's Small Catechism, which was ordered printed in full in the Minutes. The Committee was continued.

The Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther for Pastors and Preachers.

PREFACE.

Martin Luther to all faithful and godly Pastors and Preachers: Grace, Mercy, and Peace, in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

The deplorable condition in which I found religious affairs during a recent visitation of the congregations, has impelled me to publish this Catechism, or statement of the Christian doctrine, after having prepared it in very brief and simple terms. Alas! what misery I beheld! The people, especially those who live in the villages, seem to have no knowledge whatever of Christian doctrine, and many of the pastors are ignorant and incompetent teachers. And, nevertheless, they all maintain that they are Christians, that they have been baptized, and that they have received the Lord's Supper. Yet they cannot recite the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, or the Ten Commandments; they live as if they were irrational creatures, and now that the Gospel has come to them, they grossly abuse their Christian liberty.

Ye bishops! what answer will ye give to Christ for having so shamefully neglected the people, and paid no attention to the duties of your office? I invoke no evil on your heads. But you withhold the cup in the Lord's Supper, insist on the observance of your human laws, and yet, at the same time, do not take the least interest in teaching the people the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, or any other part of the Word of God. Woe unto you.

Wherefore I beseech you in the Name of God, my beloved brethren, who are pastors or preachers, to engage heartily in the discharge of the duties of your

office, to have mercy on the people who are entrusted to your care, and to assist us in introducing the Catechism among them, and especially among the young. And if any of you do not possess the necessary qualifications, I beseech you to take at least the following forms and read them, word for word, to the people, on this wise:—

In the first place, let the preacher take the utmost care to avoid all changes or variations in the text and wording of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Sacraments, etc. Let him, on the contrary, take each of the forms respectively, adhere to it, and repeat it anew, year after year. For young and inexperienced people cannot be successfully instructed, unless we adhere to the same text or the same forms of expression. They easily become confused when the teacher at one time employs a certain form of words and expressions, and, at another, apparently with a view to make improvements, adopts a different form. The result of such a course will be that all the time and labor which we have expended will be lost.

This point was well understood by our venerable fathers, who were accustomed to use the same words in teaching the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. We, too, should follow this plan when we teach these things, particularly in the case of the young and ignorant, not changing a single syllable, nor introducing any variations when, year after year, we recur to these forms and recite them anew before our hearers.

Choose, therefore, the form of words which best pleases you, and adhere to it perpetually. When you preach in the presence of intelligent and learned men, you are at liberty to exhibit your knowledge and skill, and may present and discuss these subjects in all the varied modes which are at your command. But when you are teaching the young, retain the same form and manner without change; teach them, first of all, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, etc., always presenting the same words of the text, so that those who learn can repeat them after you, and retain them in the memory.

But if any refuse to receive your instructions, tell them plainly that they deny Christ and are not Christians; such persons shall not be admitted to the Lord's Table, nor present a child for Baptism, nor enjoy any of our Christian privileges, but are to be sent back to the pope and his agents, and, indeed to Satan himself. Their parents and employers should, besides, refuse to furnish them with food and drink, and notify them that the government was disposed to banish from the country all persons of such a rude and intractable character.

For although we cannot, and should not, compel them to exercise faith, we ought, nevertheless, to instruct the great mass with all diligence, so that they may know how to distinguish between right and wrong in their conduct towards those with whom they live, or among whom they desire to earn their living. For whoever desires to reside in a city, and enjoy the rights and privileges which its laws confer, is also bound to know and obey those laws. God grant that such persons may become sincere believers! But if they remain dishonest and vicious, let them at least withhold from public view the vices of their hearts.

In the second place, when those whom you are instructing have become familiar with the words of the text, it is time to teach them to understand the meaning of those words, so that they may become acquainted with the object and purport of the lesson. Then proceed to another of the following forms, or, at your pleasure, choose any other which is brief, and adhere strictly to the same words and forms of expression in the text, without altering a single syllable; besides, allow yourself ample time for the lessons. For it is not necessary that you should, on the same occasion, proceed from the beginning to the end of the several parts; it will be more profitable if you present them separately, in regular succession. When the people have, for instance, at length correctly understood the First Commandment, you may proceed to the Second, and so continue. By neglecting to observe this mode, the people will be overburdened, and be prevented from understanding and retaining in memory any considerable part of the matter communicated to them.

In the third place, when you have thus reached the end of this Short Catechism, begin anew with the Large Catechism, and by means of it furnish the peo-

ple with fuller and more comprehensive explanations. Explain here at large every Commandment, every Petition, and, indeed, every part, showing the duties which they severally impose, and both the advantages which follow the performance of those duties, and also the dangers and losses which result from the neglect of them. Insist in an especial manner on such Commandments or other parts as seem to be most of all misunderstood or neglected by your people. It will, for example, be necessary that you should enforce with the utmost earnestness the Seventh Commandment, which treats of stealing, when you are teaching workmen, dealers, and even farmers and servants, inasmuch as many of these are guilty of various dishonest and thievish practices. So, too, it will be your duty to explain and apply the Fourth Commandment with great diligence, when you are teaching children and uneducated adults, and to urge them to observe order, to be faithful, obedient, and peaceable, as well as to adduce numerous instances mentioned in the Scriptures, which show that God punished such as were guilty in these things, and blessed the obedient.

Here, too, let it be your great aim to urge magistrates and parents to rule wisely, and to educate the children, admonishing them, at the same time, that such duties are imposed on them, and showing them how grievously they sin if they neglect them. For in such a case they overthrow and lay waste alike the kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world, acting as if they were the worst enemies both of God and man. And show them very plainly the shocking evils of which they are the authors, when they refuse their aid in training up children to be pastors, preachers, writers, etc., and set forth that on account of such sins God will inflict an awful punishment upon them. It is, indeed, necessary to preach on these things, for parents and magistrates are guilty of sins in this respect, which are so great that there are no terms in which they can be described. And truly, Satan has a cruel design in fostering these evils.

Finally, inasmuch as the people are now relieved from the tyranny of the pope, they refuse to come to the Lord's Table, and treat it with contempt. On this point, also, it is very necessary that you should give them instructions, while, at the same time, you are to be guided by the following principles: That we are to compel no one to believe, or to receive the Lord's Supper; that we are not to establish any laws on this point, or appoint the time and place; but that we should so preach as to influence the people, without any law adopted by us, to urge, and, as it were, to compel us who are pastors, to administer the Lord's Supper to them. Now this object may be attained, if we address them in the following manner: It is to be feared that he who does not desire to receive the Lord's Supper at least three or four times during the year, despises the Sacrament, and is no Christian. So, too, he is no Christian, who neither believes nor obeys the Gospel; for Christ did not say: "Omit or despise this," but "This do ye, as oft as ye drink it," etc. He commands that this should be done, and by no means be neglected and despised. He says: "This do."

Now he who does not highly value the Sacrament, shows thereby that he has no sin, no flesh, no devil, no world, no death, no danger, no hell; that is to say, he does not believe that such evils exist, although he may be deeply immersed in them, and completely belong to the devil. On the other hand, he needs no grace, no life, no Paradise, no heaven, no Christ, no God, no good thing. For if he believed that he was involved in such evils, and that he was in need of such blessings, he could not refrain from receiving the Sacrament, wherein aid is afforded against such evils, and, again, such blessings are bestowed. It will not be necessary to compel him by the force of any law to approach the Lord's Table; he will hasten to it of his own accord, will compel himself to come, and, indeed, urge you to administer the Sacrament to him.

Hence, you are by no means to adopt any compulsory law in this case, as the pope has done. Let it simply be your aim to set forth distinctly the advantages and losses, the wants and the benefits, the dangers and the blessings, which are to be considered in connection with the Sacrament; the people will, doubtless, then seek it without urgent demands on your part. If they still refuse to come forward, let them choose their own ways, and tell them that those who do not regard their own spiritual misery, and do not desire the gracious help of God, belong to

Satan. But if you do not give such solemn admonitions, or if you adopt odious compulsory laws on the subject, it is your own fault if the people treat the Sacrament with contempt. Will they not necessarily be slothful, if you are silent and sleep? Therefore consider the subject seriously, ye Pastors and Preachers! Our office has now assumed a very different character from that which it bore under the pope; it is now of a very grave nature, and is very salutary in its influence. It consequently subjects us to far greater burdens and labors, dangers and temptations, while it brings with it an inconsiderable reward, and very little gratitude in the world. But Christ himself will be our reward, if we labor with fidelity. May He grant such mercy unto us who is the Father of all grace, to whom be given thanks and praises through Christ, our Lord, forever! Amen.

WITTENBERG, A. D. 1529.

I. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach them to his household.

I AM THE LORD THY GOD.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

Ques. What is meant by this?

Ans. We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not curse, swear, conjure, lie, or deceive by His Name, but call upon His Name in every time of need, and worship Him with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not despise preaching and His Word, but deem it holy and gladly hear and learn it.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

Honor thy father and thy mother, that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not despise our parents and

superiors, nor provoke them to anger, but honor, serve, obey, love, and esteem them.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not kill.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not hurt nor harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and live chaste and pure in words and deeds, and husband and wife each love and honor the other.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not steal.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not take our neighbor's money or property, nor get it by false wares or false dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and living.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not falsely belie, betray, backbite, nor slander our neighbor, but excuse him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on all he does.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not craftily seek to gain our neighbor's inheritance or home, nor to get it by a show of right, but help and serve him in keeping it.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is his.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not estrange, force, or entice away from our neighbor, his wife, servants, or cattle, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Q. What does God say of all these commandments?

A. He says: I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments; therefore, we should fear His wrath, and do nothing against such commandments. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who

keep these commandments; therefore we should love and trust in Him, and gladly do according to His commandments.

II. THE CREED.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

THE FIRST ARTICLE.

Of Creation.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. I believe that God has made me, together with all creatures; that He has given and still preserves to me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses; also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and child, land, cattle and all my goods; that He richly and daily provides me with all that I need for this body and life, protects me against all danger, and guards and keeps me from all evil; and all this, purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I am in duty bound to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

THE SECOND ARTICLE.

Of Redemption.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death; in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

THE THIRD ARTICLE.

Of Sanctification.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and pre-

served me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church He daily and richly forgives me and all believers all our sins, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant me and all believers in Christ everlasting life. This is most certainly true.

III. THE LORD'S PRAYER.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

Our Father who art in heaven.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God would hereby tenderly invite us to believe that He is truly our Father, and we are truly His children, so that we may ask of Him with all cheerfulness and confidence, as dear children ask of their dear father.

THE FIRST PETITION.

Hallowed be Thy Name.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. The Name of God is indeed holy in itself; but we pray in this petition that it may be hallowed also among us.

Q. How is this done?

A. When the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we as the children of God, lead holy lives, in accordance with it; this grant us, dear Father in heaven! But he that teaches and lives otherwise than the Word of God teaches, profanes the Name of God among us; from this preserve us, Heavenly Father!

THE SECOND PETITION.

Thy kingdom come.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. The kingdom of God comes indeed of itself, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come also to us.

Q. How is this done?

A. When our Heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word, and live godly here in time, and in heaven forever.

THE THIRD PETITION.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. The good and gracious will of God is done indeed without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may be done also among us.

Q. How is this done?

A. When God defeats and hinders every evil counsel and purpose, which would not let us hallow God's Name nor let His kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world, and our own flesh; but strengthens and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in faith unto our end. This is His gracious and good will.

THE FOURTH PETITION.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God gives daily bread indeed without our prayer even to all the wicked; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to acknowledge and receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Q. What is meant by "daily bread?"

A. All that belongs to the wants and support of the body, such as meat, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, order, honor, good friends, trusty neighbors, and the like.

THE FIFTH PETITION.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins, nor, on account of them, deny our prayer; for we are not worthy of anything we ask, neither have we deserved it; but that He would grant us all through grace; for we sin much every day, and deserve nothing but punishment. And we on our part will heartily forgive and readily do good to those who sin against us.

THE SIXTH PETITION.

And lead us not into temptation.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God indeed tempts no one, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us, nor lead us into misbelief, despair, and other shameful sin and vice; and, though we be thus tempted, that we may still in the end overcome, and hold the victory.

THE SEVENTH PETITION.

But deliver us from evil.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We pray in this petition, as the sum of all, that our Father in heaven would deliver us from all manner of evil—in body and soul, property and honor—and at last, when the hour of death shall come, grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this vale of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

[For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever.]

AMEN.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. That I should be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He himself has commanded us so to pray, and has promised to hear us. Amen, Amen, that is, Yea, Yea; it shall be so.

IV. THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

I.

Q. What is Baptism?

A. Baptism is not simply water, but it is the water comprehended in God's command, and connected with God's word.

Q. What is that word of God?

A. That which Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

II.

Q. What benefits does Baptism confer?

A. It works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe what the words and promises of God declare.

Q. Which are those words and promises of God?

A. Those which Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned."

III.

Q. How can water do such great things?

A. It is not water indeed that does it, but the word of God, which is in and with the water, and faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the word of God, the water is simply water, and no baptism. But with the word of God, it is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Ghost; as St. Paul says, Titus iii, 5-8: "According to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying."

IV.

Q. What does such baptizing with water signify?

A. It signifies that the old Adam in us should, by daily sorrow and repentance, be drowned and die, with all sins and evil lusts; and again a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Q. Where is this written?

A. St. Paul says, Rom. 6: 4: "We are buried with Christ by baptism into death; that like as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

How People Should be Taught to Confess.

Q. What is Confession?

A. Confession embraces two parts; one, that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself and in no wise doubt, but firmly believe that through it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Q. What sins should we confess?

A. Before God we should acknowledge ourselves guilty of all sins, even of those which we do not discern; as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the pastor we should confess those sins only which we know and feel in our hearts.

Q. Which are these?

A. Here consider your station in the light of the Ten Commandments, whether you be a father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant; whether in these relations you have been disobedient, unfaithful, slothful; whether you have wronged any one by word or deed; whether you have stolen, neglected, wasted aught, or done any harm.

V. THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

Q. What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

A. It is the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Q. Where is this written?

A. The holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, together with St. Paul, write thus:

"Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me.

"After the same manner, also, when He had supped, He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Q. Of what use is such eating and drinking?

A. It is shown us by these words: "Given and shed for you, for the remission of sins"; namely, that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Q. How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

A. It is not the eating and drinking, indeed, that does it, but the words which stand here: "Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins." These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the chief thing in the Sacrament; and he that believes these words, has what they say and mean, namely, the forgiveness of sins.

Q. Who then receives this sacrament worthily?

A. Fasting and bodily preparation are indeed a good outward discipline; but he is truly worthy and well prepared, who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you, for the remission of sins." But he who believes not these words, or doubts, is unworthy and unprepared; for the words, FOR YOU, require truly believing hearts.

How the head of the family should teach his household to pray, morning and evening.

Morning Prayer.

In the morning, when thou risest, thou shalt sign thyself with the holy cross, and say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.

Then mayest thou also say this Prayer:

I give thanks unto Thee, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast protected me through the night from all danger and harm; and I beseech Thee to preserve and keep me, this day also, from all sin and evil; that in all my thoughts, words, and deeds, I may serve and please Thee. Into Thy hands I commend my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning me, that the wicked one have no power over me. Amen.

Then after a hymn, or the Ten Commandments, or whatever thy devotion may suggest, go joyfully to thy work.

Evening Prayer.

In the evening, when thou goest to bed, thou shalt sign thyself with the holy cross, and say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, thou shalt say the Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

Then mayest thou say this Prayer:

I give thanks unto Thee, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast this day so graciously protected me, and I beseech Thee to forgive me all my sins, and the wrong which I have done, and by Thy great mercy defend me from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into Thy hands I commend my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning me, that the wicked one have no power over me. Amen.

Then lie down in peace and sleep.

How the head of a family should teach his household to ask a blessing and return thanks.

Grace Before Meat.

The children and servants shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands and say:

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord; and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer, and after that this Prayer:

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, bless us and these Thy gifts, which we receive from Thy loving-kindness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanks After Meat.

After meat, they shall reverently and with folded hands say:

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. He giveth food to all flesh: He giveth to the beast his food and to the young ravens which cry. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse, He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy.

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

We thank Thee, Lord God, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, for all Thy benefits; who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

TABLE OF DUTIES; OR CERTAIN PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE FOR VARIOUS HOLY ORDERS AND ESTATES, WHEREBY THESE ARE SEVERALLY TO BE ADMONISHED OF THEIR OFFICE AND DUTY.

To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers.

A bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; not a novice. Holding fast the faithful Word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince the gainsayers. 1 Tim. iii, 2, 3, 4, 6; Tit. i, 9.

What the Hearers Owe to Their Pastors.

Eat and drink such things as they give; for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Luke x, 7.

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. 1 Cor. ix, 14.

Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. vi, 6, 7.

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the Word and doctrine. For the Scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn; and, The laborer is worthy of his reward. 1 Tim. v, 17, 18.

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you, in the Lord, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. 1 Thess. v, 12, 13.

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account; that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you. Heb. xiii, 17.

Of Civil Government.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Rom. xiii, 1-4.

Of Subjects.

Render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's. Matt. xxii, 21.

Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For, for this cause pay ye tribute also; for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute, to whom tribute is due; custom, to whom custom; fear, to whom fear; honor, to whom honor. Rom. xiii, 5-7.

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour. 1 Tim. ii, 1-3.

Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work. Tit. iii, 1.

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well. 1 Pet. ii, 13, 14.

To Husbands.

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. And be not bitter against them. 1 Pet. iii, 7; Col. iii, 19.

To Wives.

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. Eph. v, 22.

Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose daughters ye are as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. 1 Pet. iii, 5, 6.

To Parents.

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. vi, 4.

To Children.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on earth. Eph. vi, 1-3.

To Servants, Hired Men, and Laborers.

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. Eph. vi, 5-8.

To Masters and Mistresses.

And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening; knowing that your master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with Him. Eph. vi, 9.

To the Young in General.

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. 1 Pet. v, 5, 6.

To Widows.

Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplication and prayers night and day. But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. 1 Tim. v, 5, 6.

To All in Common.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Herein are comprehended all the commandments. Rom. xiii, 9. And persevere in prayer for all men. 1 Tim. ii, 1.

Let each his lesson learn with care,
And all the household well shall fare.

"LUTHERISCHE HEROLD."

On motion,

Resolved, That the former action with reference to the Editorial Staff of the "Lutherische Herold" be rescinded, and that a Committee be constituted to appoint the Editors and Staff Correspondents of said paper, and that the Staff Editors of said paper have power to fill vacancies.

Committee: Revs. Dr. A. Spaeth, G. C. Berkemeier, G. C. F. Haas, Dr. T. E. Schmauk, and Dr. J. Nicum.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on Sunday-school Work be re-elected, with the addition of Prof. C. W. Foss; that Dr. Schmauk be chairman; that the number of the Committee be increased by two members; and that the Committee have power to fill vacancies.

(The Committee chose Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth and Rev. W. A. Snyder as the additional members.)

ELECTION OF BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Schaeffer, it was

Resolved, That at the next election of members of the Board of Foreign Missions, one half of the Board be elected for two years and the other half for four years; and that thereafter the members of the said Board be elected for four years.

BOOKS OF LUTHERAN AUTHORS.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Weiskotten,

Resolved, That the Board of Publication is herewith authorized to handle the books of Lutheran authors.

Rev. Dr. Nicum presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF THE SYNOD OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

Your Committee to whom the application of the Synod of Oregon and Washington for reception into the General Council has been referred, begs leave to report:

That, although the applicants have, according to their statement, adopted "the order of the General Council," they have as yet no constitution of their own from which the character of their organization can be learned.

We, therefore, recommend that action upon the application of said Synod be deferred until the next meeting of the General Council.

THEODORE L. SEIP.
J. NICUM.
IVAN DIETRICH.
L. M. KIFER.
J. A. BOHN.

The report, with its recommendation, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE.

In accordance with the instructions given at Easton, in 1895, and at Erie, 1897, a General Conference was held in Philadelphia, December 27-29, 1898, participated in by members of the General Synod and United Synod of the South, as well as of this Body. An earlier date was impracticable on account of a vacancy in the Committee, occasioned by the removal of Dr. E. T. Horn from the United Synod and the uncertainty of the President of that Body as to his authority to appoint a successor. This difficulty was removed at the convention of the United Synod at Newberry, S. C., in the spring of 1898. The Committee organized at Blue Mountain House, Md., July 27, 1898, Rev. S. W. Owen, D. D., of Hagerstown, Md., representing the General Synod; Rev. H. F. Scheele of Staunton, Va., the United Synod of the South, and the undersigned the General Council. Rev. E. G. Lund, D. D., of Minneapolis, who had been requested by this body to act on the Committee as representative of the United Norwegian Church, felt constrained to decline on account of the action of his Synod, in which the invitation of this Body was declined, not because of any hostility to the movement, but in the conviction that the issues in the Western Synods are so peculiar as to render postponement of such more general Conference, at present, expedient. A second meeting of the Committee was held in Philadelphia in October.

In arranging for the Conference, the Committee proceeded upon the assumption that as the meeting was to be held by official authority, all rules and regulations were to be made and all proceedings presided over by the Committee, each of whose members would be held responsible by the General Body he represented for the character of the Conference. This precluded the entertainment of all resolutions, except on questions submitted by the Committee. Nor could the Committee regard it a "Free Conference" for unrestricted debate, where the assembly would be at the mercy of interminable talkers. Neither did the Committee feel at liberty to make appointments from Bodies not represented in their number, as the expenses of those preparing papers were to be provided for.

In accordance with the program, the Conference was held in Philadelphia, December 27-29, the sessions of the first day in St. John's Church (General Council); those of the second, divided be-

tween St. Matthew's (General Synod) and the Mary J. Drexel Home (General Council), and those of the third, in St. Matthew's. On the evening of the last day a largely attended reception was given by the Luther Social Union. The proceedings were introduced by the Morning Service of the Church Book and a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Seiss. They were attended by a large number of ministers, students and laymen, the interest remaining unabated until the very close. Much of the success was due to your appointment of a Finance Committee, with which both General Synod and United Synod co-operated, thus securing the attendance of representative men from widely separated parts of the Church. All expenses were met, with a handsome balance in the hands of the Treasurer, William H. Staake, Esq., to guarantee the publication of proceedings and for possible use for another Conference. The publication of the proceedings was undertaken jointly by the two Philadelphia houses representing the General Council and General Synod. These proceedings form part of the report of your representative. The following statement made at the beginning of the proceedings he believed to be a correct representation of your feeling in calling the Conference:

We are here, not for the purpose of projecting any plans for the ultimate unification of the Church. Our General Bodies have not authorized us to pass any resolutions or to take any action on the questions we are to consider. Nor are we here for the purpose of reviewing the history of our years of separation and controversy, and attempting in a public discussion to justify or condemn the action or position of Synods or General Bodies at particular times. There are no advocates here of the infallibility of Synods, or of the conviction that, while they are fallible, nevertheless they have always been preserved from error. We are not here as partisans to array one Body against the other, and to seek to triumph in public debate. Our purpose is not to gain the advantage over some rival, to endeavor to general-councilize the General Synod, or to general-synodize the General Council, or to prepare the way for some radical readjustment of existing Church organizations. What Providence intends by this Conference, and whither it may lead, no one can tell; but we have simply followed, as the way seemed of itself to open. The proposition was almost spontaneously suggested, and without argument, has met unanimous approval on the floors of our General Bodies.

We are here to treat of the great principles we profess to hold in common, to descend beneath the surface to the foundations upon which they rest, and then again to rise to a proper conception of their manifold relations and far-reaching consequences. As the faith of the Church is greater than its organization, questions concerning the faith

itself overshadow in importance all that pertain to organization. It is of more importance that we should be able to confer concerning principles, than that we should be ready to confer concerning organization itself. With entire loyalty to our several Synods, we are here to recognize the fact that the lines of Church organization, important as they are for the efficient administration of Church work, are entirely inadequate to limit the interest, which as Christians, and particularly as Lutheran Christians, we take in each other's life and progress. There is only one divinely instituted Church, and that is the congregation of believers, or "communion of saints." There is only one essential to the true unity of the Church, and that is, as the Augsburg Confession declares, "not that human traditions or rites and ceremonies be everywhere alike," i. e., that all should be under the same government, and be regulated by the same rules of administration, but that "they agree concerning the doctrine of the Gospel, and the administration of the sacraments." When our agreement within these spheres is established, our separation into diverse organizations may serve to increase our efficiency, instead of retarding it; while union in organization without such agreement will tend only to strife and confusion. We are here to speak with entire candor and in the spirit of Christian love concerning the faith, that is dearer to us than life itself; to patiently answer all questions and to remove misapprehensions.

The spirit of the Conference throughout was in harmony with this declaration. There was no evasion of topics because of differences, or any prevailing endeavor to seek a common ground by ignoring Lutheran principles. From the first essay to the last there was perfect candor in the expression of convictions, combined with the greatest consideration and courtesy towards all who participated. The desire expressed at the close of the convention, that opportunity should be given, at future Conferences, if held, for fuller debates, met with approval from all sides, when they had learned to know each other's spirit.

The Committee having submitted to the Conference the question of future Conferences, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Krotel, it was

Resolved, That we, as a convention, make known to the three General Bodies, by whose authority this convention was called, the desirability of holding another convention of a similar character in the future.

The General Synod, at its late meeting at York, Pa., in response to this resolution took the following action:

Resolved, That the General Synod expresses its hearty approval of the recent Lutheran Conference, and its belief that the results thereof have been most beneficent, as tending to the better understanding, fraternity and unification of Lutherans, and that the hearty thanks of this Synod be returned to those who so liberally defrayed

the expenses incurred, and also to the Rev. Dr. S. W. Owen, for his laborious and efficient labors in arranging for the meeting, and that he be re-appointed the representative of the General Synod, in devising arrangements for another such conference, should it be called.

A Finance Committee was appointed with the same end in view.

The General Council having issued the call for the Conference, upon it rests the responsibility of deciding whether the work begun, with such manifest evidences of the Divine blessing, shall continue. If another Conference is to be held, the call must come from the Council. Accordingly we recommend:

1. That the thanks of the General Council be tendered the Committee, of which Mr. William Hengerer, of Buffalo, N. Y., was chairman, for their labor in collecting funds, and to all contributing through them—the chief contributors being the members of the Committee themselves.

2. That another Conference be held, if possible, during the year 1900, according to the instructions given at Easton in 1895, and that we authorize a representative to be appointed by us, to act with the representative already appointed by the General Synod, and with the President or other representative of the United Synod of the South, in arranging for such Conference.

3. That a Finance Committee of laymen be appointed, in co-operation with that of the General Synod, to provide for necessary expenses.

HENRY E. JACOBS.

On motion,

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs be reappointed the General Council representative on the Committee on General Conference; that another Conference be held, if possible, during the year 1900; that the thanks of the Council be tendered the Finance Committee; and that the same be reappointed.

Mr. Van Gilluwe read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONVOCATION OF ORGANISTS, CHOIRMASTERS AND PASTORS OF MUSICAL ABILITY.

At the last Convention of the General Council it was

Resolved, That the General Council would look with favor upon an annual convocation of the organists, choirmasters and pastors of musical ability, within the bounds of the Council, in order to present and discuss questions connected with the rendering of the Lutheran service and with Church music in general, that the same may be raised to a higher and more uniform standard, and that the musical treasures of our Church may be more widely known.

In compliance with this resolution, your Committee, charged with authority to carry it into effect, arranged two such convocations since the last Convention of the General Council.

The first was held in Philadelphia, on June 1st, 1898, at the Church of the Holy Communion, the Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss, pastor. At the morning session papers were read on the following topics: "Sunday-school Music in Its Relation to the Service of the Church," by the Rev. G. C. F. Haas, pastor of St. Mark's Church, New York; "The Organ," by Mr. Emanuel Schmauk, organist of the Church of the Holy Trinity, New York; "The Choir," by the Rev. Luther D. Reed, pastor of Emanuel's Church, Allegheny City, Pa. In the afternoon the Morning Service of the Church Book was rendered under the direction of Mr. C. A. Marks, organist of St. John's Church, Allentown, Pa. The Gradual was sung by the Choir of St. Luke's English Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, led by the Rev. Gomer C. Rees. The music of the service was selected by the Committee from the Church Book with Music. Addresses were delivered on "The Historical Development of the Lutheran Morning Service," by the Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading, Pa., and on "The Idea of the Lutheran Morning Service," by the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, Philadelphia. Preludes and postludes were played on the organ by Messrs. Wm. Benbow, organist of Trinity Church, Reading, Pa.; Harry C. Archer, of the First English Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Ellis C. Hamman, of the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia. In the evening a Choral Vesper Service was held in St. Johannis German Lutheran Church, presenting the Gregorian music of the Vespers, a number of our standard Lutheran Chorals, and an equal number of figurated settings by the great masters of Church Music, sung by the St. Johannis Choir, under the direction of the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth. This first Convocation, being limited to one day, was tentative in its character. It was well attended, and great interest was shown in the papers presented, and in the music rendered, not only by members of our own Church, but also by others. But it was manifest that the time was too short, and that too little opportunity was afforded for a fuller discussion of the topics presented.

The second Convocation was a decided improvement in this respect. It was held on June 15th and 16th, 1899, at the First English Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., the Rev. Dr. D. H.

Geissinger, pastor. The following topics were presented and discussed: "What is Church Music?" by Dr. A. Spaeth; "How to Secure Good Congregational Singing," by the Rev. R. Morris Smith, Baden, Pa.; "The Independent Use of the Organ," by the Rev. Dr. Theodore E. Schmauk, Lebanon, Pa.; "The Festivals of the Sunday-School with Reference to Their Music," by the Rev. Gomer C. Rees, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia; "The Gregorian Element in Church Music," by the Rev. Luther D. Reed, Allegheny, Pa.; "Psalmody," by the Rev. Elmer F. Krauss, Leechburg, Pa.; "The German Choral," by the Rev. Henry D. E. Siebott, Philadelphia, and "Anglican Music," by the Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus. Doc., Philadelphia. On both days the sessions were opened with the full Matin Service, and on the evening of the first day the Vesper Service was presented, with an expository address, by the Rev. C. Theo. Benze, Erie, Pa. The Responses and Psalmody, in Plain Song (Gregorian), and Choir numbers, selections from Palestrina, Orlando di Lasso, and Mendelssohn, were exquisitely rendered by the Choir, under direction of Mr. Harry C. Archer, organist of the First English Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Arrangements have been made to have most of the papers read at these convocations published in pamphlet form, without expense to the General Council, and the Rev. L. D. Reed, 104 Franklin street, Allegheny, Pa., has been authorized to take charge of the sale, either in single numbers at ten cents, or the whole collection at fifty cents per copy.

There was, of course, considerable expense connected with the arrangements for both these convocations, amounting altogether to several hundred dollars, but the outlay was almost entirely covered by collections taken at the different meetings and services, and by the liberal contributions of members of the First English Church in Pittsburgh, leaving only a small deficiency of $10.00 for the first, and $26.00 for the second convocation, which was all paid by your treasurer, on the order of the President.

Your Committee being convinced that with these two convocations only a fair beginning has been made in the line of an educational process which will require much time and patient, persevering work, recommends to the General Council that this work be continued. Respectfully submitted,

The Committee.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Schmauk, it was

Resolved, 1. That the Committee be continued.

2. That its number be enlarged from five to nine members.

3. That the Committee be authorized to select and recommend what, in their judgment, is standard music, particularly for choirs.

4. That the Board of Publication be authorized to publish the same.

Additional members of the Committee: Revs. G. C. F. Haas, Luther D. Reed, and Dr. J. F. Ohl, and Prof. A. Alfred Holmes.

ALLGEMEINE LUTHERISCHE CONFERENZ.

Rev. G. C. Berkemeier gave an account of a visit to the "Allgemeine Lutherische Conferenz" of Germany and Scandinavia, whereupon, on motion of Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth, it was

Resolved, That the German Corresponding Secretary be instructed to send a copy of our printed Minutes to the "Allgemeine Lutherische Conferenz," and to request a copy of their proceedings.

Rev. F. W. Weiskotten presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE COMPILATION AND PUBLICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION, DECLARATIONS, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, ETC., OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Committee respectfully report that the Charter, Constitution and By-Laws of the Council have already been printed. The order in which the other parts are to appear in the Book has been arranged, and the material largely gathered. The Charters of the various Boards of the Council will constitute a part of this material. It is proposed to give the Book the following title: "Digest of the Laws and Regulations of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America." It is expected that the work will be printed in full during the coming year.

SAMUEL LAIRD,
F. W. WEISKOTTEN,
A. SPAETH,
Committee.

Adopted, and the Committee continued.

Rev. Dr. Nicum presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Statistics of the General Council and its District Synods for 1899.

I. SYNODS.

No.	NAME.	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicant Members.	Parochial Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions for Missions, Etc.
	General Council	1867	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	349	510	126,069	20	39	1,508	520	9,051	85,104	$ 83.914.31
2	Ministerium of New York	1773	165	158	54,049	37	83	2,625	172	3.578	38.661	36.217.52
3	Pittsburgh Synod	1845	138	205	27,077	.....	.....	.....	197	1,756	18,886	24.695.67
4	District Synod of Ohio	1857	37	63	9,553	.....	.....	.....	49	632	4,322	6.390.33
5	Augustana Synod	1860	453	887	113,738	394	502	18,637	630	5,973	47,248	115,572.85
6	Canada Synod	1861	38	87	13,042	40	40	1,196	76	507	5.039	4,041.00
7	Chicago Synod	1871	27	44	3.879	.....	.....	.....	44	418	3.918	2,112.40
8	English Synod of the Northwest	1891	17	17	1.888	.....	.....	.....	18	234	1,870	916.99
9	Manitoba Synod	1897	9	58	3,159	10	10	793	12	25	300	500.00
	Total	.....	1,233	2,029	352,454	501	674	24,759	1,718	22,174	205,348	$274,361.07

Whilst the number of Synods is the same, the number of ministers has increased by 57, of churches by 26, of communicants by 12,578, of parochial schools by 37, of teachers by 66, of pupils by 1,719, of officers and teachers in Sunday-schools by 656, of scholars by 6,451, of benevolent contributions by $7,289.22.

The only decrease is in the number of Sunday-schools, to-wit: 104. This decrease is caused by a report of 170 Sunday-schools less in he Augustana Synod than two years ago.

II. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

Synod.	Name.	Founded.	Location.	President.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	Volumes in Library.	Professors.	Students.
1	Philadelphia	1864	Mt. Airy, Phila.	Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., LL. D.	$150,000	$195,382	25,000	5	92
	Chicago	1891	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. R. F. Weidner, D. D., LL. D.	100,000	(2)	4,100	7	43
33	Augustana	1860	Rock Island, Ill.	Rev. O. Olsson, D. D.	(3)	(2)	(3)	5	61
	3 Total				250,000	195,382	29,100	17	196
					+70,000	+ 5,404	+5,000	—1	—28

III. COLLEGES.

33	Augustana	1860	Rock Island, Ill.	Rev. O. Olsson. D. D.	191,880	35,000	16,000	24	575
33	Gustavus Adolphus	1862	St. Peter, Minn.	Rev. M. Walstrom, Ph. D	70,000	(2)	8,000	15	314
1	Muhlenberg	1867	Allentown, Pa.	Rev. Theo. L. Seip, D. D.	100,000	155,780	10,000	12	156
17	Thiel	1870	Greenville, Pa.	Rev. T. B. Roth, D. D.	50,000	62,178	7,000	10	136
33	Bethany	1881	Lindsborg, Kansas	Rev. C. A. Swensson, Ph. D	125,000	(2)	5,000	26	574
2	Wagner	1883	Rochester, N. Y.	Rev. J. Nicum, D. D	40,000	18,000	1,000	5	43
33	Upsala	1893	East Orange, N. J.	Rev. L. H. Beck, Ph. D	65,000	10,000	800	6	85
	7 Total				641,880	280,958	47,800	108	1883
					+16,880	+32,958	+3,800	+9	+392

IV. ACADEMIES.

17	Greensburg Seminary	1874	Greensburg, Pa.	Prof. J. C. Hoch, Ph. D.	35,000	(2)	(7)	12	350
33	Luther Academy	1883	Wahoo, Neb.	Prof. S. M. Hill	20,000	(2)	1,200	6	93
	2 Total				55,000		1,200	18	443

V. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS, ORPHANS' HOMES, ASYLUMS, HOSPITALS, ETC.

ORPHANS' HOMES.

Synod.	NAME.	Found-ed.	Location.	Superintendent.	Value of Property.	Am't of End't.	No. of Inmates.
1	Evangelical Lutheran	1859	Germantown, Pa.	Rev. G. P. Mueller.	$150,000	32,947	104
33	Gustavus Adolphus	1883	Jamestown, N. Y.	Mr. J. S. Swensson	40,444	(2)	63
17	Home and Farm School	1852	Zelienople, Pa	Rev. J. A. Kribbs	50.000	(2)	89
2	St. John's Home	1864	Sulphur Springs, N. Y	Rev. G. von Bosse	150.000	6.000	91
33	Swedish	1865	Vasa, Minn	Mr. J. A. Hultgren	17,750	(2)	69
33	Swedish	1867	Andover, Ill.	Mr. A. Lincoln	15,000	(2)	40
33	Swedish	1880	Mariedahl, Kansas	Mr. B. Berg	12.580	(2)	34
33	Swedish	1881	Stanton, Ia	Mr. C. G. Lind	18,000	(2)	40
33	Swedish	1891	Joliet, Ill	Miss F. Shelander	16,000	(2)	22
1	Topton	1896	Topton, Pa	Rev. U. P. Heilman	40,000	(2)	4
	Wartburg	1866	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier	150,000	(2)	172
	11 Total				659,774	38,947	728

HOSPITALS.

	Hospital, Passavant	1872	Jacksonville, Ill.	Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr.	$100,000	(7)	270
33	Hospital, Augustana	1884	151 Lincoln Av., Chicago. Ill.	Rev. H. O. Lindeblad	200.000	(2)	200
33	Hospital, Bethesda	1880	249 E. 9th St., St. Paul, Minn.	Rev. C. A. Hultkrans	46.000	1,500	50
	Hospital, Emergency	1885	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr.	6,000	(2)	507
33	Hospital, Immanuel	1890	Monmouth Park, Omaha, Neb.	Rev. E. A. Fogelström	30.000	(2)	204
	Hospital, Milwaukee, Wis.	1863	Milwaukee, Wis.	Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr.	250,000	25,000	600
	Hospital, Passavant Mem'l.	1849	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr.	70,000	(7)	155
	7 Total				952,000		1,986

DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS.

Synod	Name.	Found ded.	Location.	Superintendent.	Value of Property.	Am't of End't.	No. of Inmates
1	Mary J. Drexel Home	1886	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. K. Goedel, Pastor. Sister Emilie Schwartz, Super.	$600,000	(2)	388
	Children's Hospital	1889					71
	Deaconess Motherhouse	1888					2,858
	German Hospital, Nursing in	1860					37
	Girls' School	1890					40
	Home for Aged	1889					70
	Little Children's Sch'l, Ger.	1893					2
	Parish Work	1890					285
	Easton Hospital, Nursing in	1891					27
33	Deaconess Institute, Imman'l	1890	Monmouth Park, Omaha, Neb.	Rev. E. A. Fogelström	1,000	(2)	12
33	Deaconess Institution	1884	151 Lincoln Av., Chicago, Ill.	Rev. H. O. Lindeblad	(1)	(2)	26
	Deaconess Motherhouse	1893	Milwaukee, Wis.	Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr		(2)	
	4 Total				610,000	200	3,526

IMMIGRANT AND SEAMEN'S MISSIONS.

	Immigrant Mission, German.	1873	26 State St., New York, N. Y.	Rev. H. Berkemeier	$100,000	(2)	6,125
33	Immigrant Mission, Swedish.	1895	5 Water St., New York, N. Y.	Mr. E. Bingberg	3,000	(2)	2,000
33	Immigrant Mission, Swedish.		14 Moore St., Boston, Mass.	Rev. C. F. Johansson	(7)	(7)	(7)
	3 Total				103,000		8,125

HOMES FOR THE AGED, ETC.

1	Asylum for Aged	1859	Germantown, Pa	Rev. G. P. Mueller	(6)	(6)	32
	Wartburg	1898	Mt. Vernon, Pa	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier	(1)	(7)	
2	Aged, Home for	1896	Buffalo, N. Y	Miss Louise Kaehler	1,500	3,575	19
	Epileptics, Home for	1895	Rochester, Pa				30
	Samaritan Home	1895	Philadelphia, Pa	Rev. H. Merz			
	5 Total				1,500	3,575	81

NOTE.—(1) No Property; (2) No Endowment; (3) Reported under Colleges; (4) Reported under Theological Seminaries; (5) Reported under Academies; (6) Reported under Orphans' Homes; (7) No report furnished.

(Signed) J. NICUM

The report was received and ordered to be printed in the Minutes, and the Committee reappointed.

Rev. W. K. Frick presented the report of the Committee to prepare

THESES ON THE RELATION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL TO THE LUTHER LEAGUE.

A

I. Discipleship in Christ involves and demands consecrated service.

II. The character of this service varies with the age, sex, capacities, and circumstances of those brought into the Church.

III. Proper organizations for special purposes within the congregation may be useful, and if so, may be formed and favored.

IV. Everything in such organizations that might be detrimental to the true, organic unity and solidarity of the congregation, is to be carefully avoided.

V. These organizations cannot add any new duties which are not involved and included in Church membership, but they are simply a human arrangement to render the service of the members more efficient, by co-operation, systemization, and mutual encouragement.

VI. They must not be treated as ecclesiolæ in ecclesia, or as if membership in them were essential, or evinced a higher degree of spirituality, but simply as a human arrangement for increased efficiency.

VII. Their doctrinal basis and the practical methods of carrying on their operations must be identical with those of the Church.

VIII. They must be subordinate to and under the control of the congregation, or the Church Council which represents the congregation.

IX. The above principles apply to the Associations known as Luther Leagues as well as to all other societies in the Church.

B

The Luther League, based upon the Augsburg Confession professes to be such an organization "of the Church, by the

Church, for the Church," as set forth in the "Model Constitution."

I. The first object, according to Art. II, Sec. 1, is: "To quicken in its members a clearer consciousness of Christian faith."

The means by which this object is to be attained are:

(a) "By encouraging them to a systematic study of God's Word, and the faithful use of the ministrations of the Church;" and "by engaging them in public religious exercises suited to their standing and estate."

(b) "By directing them in thoughtful investigation of the history, doctrines, and usages of the Lutheran Church, thereby fostering a spirit of intelligent loyalty towards her and her institutions."

II. According to Sec. 2, a further object is: "To promote among them practical Christian life."

The means towards this end are:

(a) "By enlisting their active interest in the various departments of congregational work."

(b) "By securing their co-operation in carrying out the recommendations of Conference, Synod, and general body."

(c) "By effecting social relations becoming those who are of the same household of faith."

III. Thus the League desires to aid in training an intelligent, devout, loyal, liberal, and active membership of the Church, in the Church, for the Church.

From such a membership she hopes to get the workers and helpers for every part of the congregation's activity.

From such a membership she also hopes to furnish a sufficient and an efficient band of volunteer candidates for the Ministry of the Word and for the ministry of mercy.

With such a membership she hopes to wield an influence on public sentiment and public morals in every community where she is planted.

C

While the General Council has, indeed, no direct relationship with such organizations, but is related to them only through the Synods which are connected with it (see Principles of Gov-

ernment, Sec. 10; Constitution of G. C., Art. I, Sec. 1; and Art. I, Sec. 4, paragraph 3), yet it is befitting that this Body express its approval of the general scope of the Luther League, and its pleasure in witnessing the renewed interest it has aroused, especially among our young people, in the work and welfare of the Church, and in the study of its literature, as recommended in the League's Reading Courses. For the Committee,

W. K. Frick, Chairman.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Luther League Theses be referred to the District Synods to act on and to report at the next Convention.

Rev. J. L. Becker presented the report of the Auditing Committee, which was adopted. (See Treasurer's Report.)

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVARIUS.

No report has heretofore been made by the Archivarius; but the time has come when the office should mean something, and be entirely separated from that of the Archivarius of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. Owing to crowded quarters, the few documents of the General Council are kept with those of the Ministerium, and can be distinguished only from their contents. We recommend, therefore, that another Archivarius be appointed, in order that the documents be kept in an entirely different place, and a collection be made of historical material pertaining to all the District Synods of the Council, their congregations and institutions. If this work be entrusted to a young pastor of historical tastes, in the course of years it may develop into a collection worthy of the General Council. Respectfully submitted,

Henry E. Jacobs.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Seiss,

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Jacobs be continued as Archivarius, and that he endeavor to secure from the Board of Publication accommodations for the preservation of the papers and documents of the General Council.

THE EVANGELICAL MOVEMENT IN AUSTRIA.

Rev. Dr. Nicum offered, and the Council adopted, the following:

Whereas, An evangelical movement is spreading throughout the provinces of the Austrian empire, manifesting itself in a general inquiry into Gospel truth and a demand for the preaching of the Word,

Resolved, 1. That this General Council rejoices that the Lord, after many years, has again opened a door for the preaching of evangelical

doctrine in the Austrian empire, more widely than at any time since the days of the Reformation.

2. That we recommend the support of this movement to the members of the General Council.

The Secretary read the four following reports:

REPORT OF THE ENGLISH CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The English Corresponding Secretary respectfully reminds the General Council of the importance of entrusting the office to one who is able to attend the meetings of the Council. At Greensburg, the ruling was that no one was eligible except a delegate to that particular convention. Months after the meeting of the Council at Erie, I noticed, while examining the Minutes, action requesting me to communicate with the authorities of the Danish Church concerning undertaking English missions in the Danish West Indies. From Rev. R. Andersen I tried to learn the facts in the case, concerning which no officer of the Council had informed me. Before I had made much progress, negotiations for the purchase of these islands by the United States were reported, followed by the Spanish war. During the confusion that ensued, the time was inopportune; and when it had subsided, without any assurance from the Board of Home Missions that they would enter the field and vigorously prosecute the work, your secretary despaired of making a presentation of the case that would be successful, in the event of his finding a way to reach the proper authorities.

On account of my inability to attend the meetings of the General Council during the Seminary session, with all due respect to your Honored Body, I must decline a reëlection.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted. HENRY E. JACOBS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD.

No meeting of the Joint Committee has been held since the last Convention of the General Council, the understanding being that the General Conference held in Philadelphia in December, 1898, included in the propositions of said Committee, was a most important step forward in the work entrusted it, and that through it and subsequent Conferences the ends proposed could be successfully obtained. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. JACOBS, Chairman.

Report adopted, and the Committee continued.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Committee appointed by the General Council held at Erie in 1897 to provide funds for the expense of the General Conference held in Philadelphia, December, 1897, do respectfully report that the General Council were assessed $150.00 as their proportion of the expense; that this $150.00 was secured by your Committee and paid to the Treasurer of the General Conference.

Having thus carried out the purpose for which they were appointed, the Committee beg leave to be discharged.

On behalf of the Committee,

OLIVER WILLIAMS.

Report adopted, and the Committee continued.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARBITRATION IN MISSION WORK.

Pending the General Conferences of the three General Bodies represented on this Committee no sessions have been held. The continuance of Committee is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. JACOBS, Chairman.

Report adopted, and the Committee continued.

REPORT OF THE MANAGING EDITOR OF "THE LUTHERAN."

The leading facts concerning the management of "The Lutheran" are embodied in the report of the Sub-Committee, which, in accordance with the Council's resolution, has been appointed by the Board to exercise oversight; hence little need be touched upon in the report of the Managing Editor. During the past two years, as its report will show, substantial progress has been made towards placing "The Lutheran" on a safe financial basis, and it may now be said to be in a prosperous condition. Notwithstanding the difficulty encountered in securing a sufficient number of trained and competent canvassers, the subscription list has steadily grown until it is now about two thousand in advance of the merged list with which it started three years ago, while the treasury shows a cash balance of over $800, with all bills paid up to date. This, however, does not take into account any charges for room rent and for salaries of manager and clerks. Considering the fact that its revenue from advertisements is necessarily small, being fully four times less than the space value of its

columns would warrant, were "The Lutheran" willing to enter into contracts similar to those entered into by most Church papers, the financial showing of the paper is encouraging.

Loss of an Able Staff Correspondent.

Through the death of the Rev. Prof. M. H. Richards, D.D., "The Lutheran" has lost one of its best and most regular contributors. In compliance with the resolution in the Minutes of 1897 (p. 88), the vacancy caused by his death was temporarily filled by the remaining staff-correspondents, and the Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., Professor of the English Language and Literature in Muhlenberg College, was appointed in his place. In accordance with that same resolution a re-election is due at this meeting, and it is hoped that the Council may see fit to confirm the appointment of the staff-correspondents.

The Sub-Committee.

The business management of "The Lutheran" has been greatly simplified and facilitated by placing the oversight of the management in the hands of the Sub-Committee, and the wisdom of the Council's action in effecting this arrangement has been fully demonstrated. This Committee has done much to render the business management of "The Lutheran" efficient, as will be seen in the detailed report that follows, and the service it has rendered deserves grateful recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. SANDT,
Managing Editor.

The report was adopted, and, on motion,

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. S. E. Ochsenford's election as Staff Correspondent of "The Lutheran" be confirmed.

William H. Staake, Esq., presented the

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

Philadelphia, September 27, 1899.

To the President and Members of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

The Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society begs leave to present to your honorable body this report:

The operations of the Society have made considerable progress during the past two years.

Rev. J. E. Whitteker, the Agent of the Society, and Superintendent of the work of the English Board of Home Missions, resigned his office, and the Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, his successor as Superintendent of English Home Missions, was appointed Agent in his stead, and has since performed the duties of the office.

The total receipts of the Society for the year 1897 were the sum of $6,367.65. The expenditures, during the same year, in loans, payment of interest upon bonded indebtedness, etc., were $4,458.81.

For the year 1898, the total receipts were $14,150.61, while the expenditures, during the same period, were $12,338.14.

The source of the receipts for the year 1898, and the year 1899, as well as the expenditures of the Society during the same period, are shown by the annual report of E. Augustus Miller, Esq., the Treasurer of the Society, for the years ending December 31, 1897, and December 31, 1898, hereto appended, from which it will be seen there has been an encouraging increase in the amount of the receipts from churches, Sunday-schools, as well as individuals, and that $8,000 of the principal of the bonds issued by the Society in behalf of the four missions at Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Duluth, Minnesota, were at that time taken up and cancelled by the Society.

The securities held by the Society covering the loans are as follows:

Note and Mortgage—St. John's Church, Duluth...	$ 5,000 00	
Note and Mortgage—St. James Church, Portland..	12,000 00	
Note and Mortgage—Holy Trinity Church, Seattle.	5,000 00	
Note and Mortgage—Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Bal.....	9,319 00	
	$31,319 00	
Against these loans there is an outstanding issue of Bonds aggregating.....	$15,900 00	$15,419 00
Bond and Mortgage—Church of Atonement, Phila.....		1,100 00
Bond and Mortgage—St. James Church, Wilkesbarre, Pa.....		1,000 00
Note and Mortgage—St. Matthew's Church, Toledo, O.....		1,000 00
Note and Mortgage—Zion's Church, Tacoma, Wash.....		1,000 00
Bond and Mortgage—Church of Redeemer, Binghamton, N. Y..		900 00
Bond and Mortgage—Church of Redeemer, Syracuse, N. Y....		1,000 00
Note and Mortgage—St. James Church, Anderson, Ind.....		1,000 00
Bond and Mortgage—Grace Church, Newark, N. J.....		2,000 00
Note and Mortgage—St. Mark's Church, Boston, Mass.....		1,800 00

Bond and Mortgage—St. John's Church, McKeesport, Pa.....	1,000 00
Bond and Mortgage—Eng. Luth. Church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y...	1,500 00
Note and Mortgage—St. John's Church, Chicago, Ill.....	1,500 00
Note and Mortgage—Holy Trinity Church, Salt Lake City....	2,400 00
Bond and Mortgage—Holy Trinity Church, Chester (Balance).	800 00
Note and Mortgage—Zion's Church, The Dalles.....	900 00
Note and Mortgage—Salem Church, Minneapolis.....	1,200 00
Deed to Lot in Garden City.....	1,373 07
Deed to Lot in Bismarck, N. Dak., consideration.....	825 00
Deed to Lot in Spanish Fork, Utah, consideration.....	75 00
Notes—Rev. W. A. Passavant.....	85 35
	$37,877 42

In addition to these, the Society holds, as mortgagee, $2,200 against the Church of the Incarnation of Philadelphia, the principal being held for the benefit of Philadelphia.

(Signed) E. AUG. MILLER,
Treasurer.

In addition to this, the Society has since cancelled $4,400 of the bonds, making the number cancelled by the Church Extension Society $12,400—more than one-half of the whole amount of the issue.

All of the bonds have been cancelled or sold.

The Treasurer reports that more than $6,500 have been received to date, during the year 1899, exclusive of interest on mortgages and the repayment of loans.

The cash balance at the date of this report is $2,813.27, which should be added to the list of assets, as reported January 1st, 1899, together with a loan of $2,500 to Bethlehem Church, Philadelphia, $500 to St. Peter's Church, Natrona, Pa., and $500 to St. Peter's Church, Chicago, less the amount of outstanding bonds issued by the Society, of the original issue of $23,900.

From this there should be deducted, say $2,000, being accumulated interest paid by the Missions in the bond scheme, and the rebate of interest paid to their credit.

The present officers of the Society are: President—Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D.; Treasurer—E. Augustus Miller, Esq.; Secretary—William H. Staake, Esq.

Managers—Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D. LL.D.; Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D.; Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D.; Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, D.D.; Rev. Jacob Fry, D.D.; Rev. J. L. Sibole; Messrs. Henry Beates, W. W. Kurtz, Frank M. Riter, John Willing, James N. Mohr, Enos R. Artman, James H. Wolfe, Prof. S. P. Sadtler, A. C. Albrecht, E. Augustus Miller, and William H. Staake.

The Standing Committees of the Society are:

Executive—Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D.; Rev. Jacob Fry, D.D., and E. Augustus Miller, Esq.

Finance—John Willing, E. R. Artman, and James N. Mohr.

Church Extension—Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D.; James H. Wolfe, Esq., and Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, D.D.

It is hardly necessary to repeat that the object of this Society is: "To secure and safely manage a permanent Church Extension Fund, and to hold the same in trust to assist missions and other needy churches in the securement of grounds for the building of church edifices and the erection thereon of churches or chapels for the use of congregations in the public worship of Almighty God, in accordance with the faith and usages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and for the securement of grounds for the building of institutions of learning, charity, or benevolence."

It may be well to state that it is the practice of the Society not to loan money for the erection of parsonages.

The payment of $50 at one time constitutes a life-membership, and $5 an annual membership.

The Society also acts as a trustee for congregations or institutions in holding their property pending their legal incorporation.

Thankful to Almighty God for the increase in membership and usefulness of the Society since the last meeting of the General Council, it asks, on the part of the Church, an increase of interest and appreciation of the objects of the Society. It seeks to labor in harmony with the work of the Boards of Home Missions. All of its officers serve without any compensation whatever.

We trust the membership of our beloved Church may remember the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society, as a proper subject for bequests or devises of property. Gifts to this Society are preserved, used and re-used in the extension of its important operations.

It has been a source of much regret to the officers of the Society that they have been compelled to refuse many applications for loans which they would have been glad to make, had the condition of the Society's treasury warranted their doing so.

At the last meeting of the General Council at Erie, it was resolved that the General Council request the District Synods to bring the subject of Church Extension before their Synods at the public services.

We trust that this resolution has been and will continue

to be faithfully carried out by each District Synod in connection with the General Council.

Very respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. STAAKE,

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E. Aug. Miller, Treasurer, in Account with the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Dr.

1897.				
Jan. 1.	To Balance as per last report			$45 03
	Received during the year as follows:			
	From Churches	$1,510 10		
	From Sunday-schools	1,651 81		
	From Missionary Societies and Leagues	225 00		
	From Individuals	758 00		
	Interest on deposit	22 74		
	Special contribution from Rev. W. Ashmead Schaeffer for Missions in the City of Philadelphia	2,200 00	6,367 65	
				$6,412 68

Cr.

By cash loan to Church of Incarnation, Philadelphia, being mortgage presented to Society by W. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D.	$2,200 00		
By cash Balance of loan to English Lutheran Church at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	700 00		
By cash Board English Home Missions for Salary of Superintendent	500 00		
By cash Expenses of Agent	182 15		
By cash E. W. Roberts, manufacturer of Pyramids	410 05		
By cash J. A. Bohn, being proportionate amount of interest due him on loans from date of mortgage to Jan. 1, 1898	344 64		
By cash Eschenbach Printing Co	101 00		
By cash Bank Exchange and incidentals	20 97	4,458 81	
1898.			
Jan. 1. Balance in Bank			1,953 87
			$6,412 68

Report of E. Aug. Miller, Treasurer of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society,

FOR THE YEAR 1898.

Dr.

1898.			
Jan. 1.	To Balance		$1,953 87
	Receipts for year:		
	Churches	$1,988 80	
	Sunday-schools	1,940 83	
	Individuals	2,971 75	
	Woman's and other Mission Societies	198 41	
	Y. P. S. and Luther Leagues	90 00	
	Elizabeth Schaeffer Est	4,794 33	
	Interest on Deposit	64 49	12,048 61
	Interest received from the Missions in the Bond Scheme	1,434 00	
	Rebates of interest received from J. A. Bohn, as per Agreement	443 00	1,877 00
	Repayment on account of loans:		
	Holy Trinity Church, Chester	200 00	
	Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee	25 00	225 00
			$16,104 48

Cr.

	J. A. Bohn, cancellation of bonds by order of Board of Managers	$8,000 00	
	Interest on same	146 40	$8,146 40
	Loans: St. John's Church, Chicago, balance of loan of $1,500	$500 00	
	Zion's Church, the Dalles	900 00	
	Salem Church, Minneapolis	1,200 00	2,600 00
	Board of English Home Missions, salary of Superintendent	$400 00	
	Expenses of J. E. Whitteker, expressage, etc.	329 52	
	E. W. Roberts, Pyramids	531 65	
	Eschenbach Printing Co	220 42	
	Craig, Finley & Co., printing, etc	17 25	
	Attorneys and Notary fees	82 00	
	Clerk hire and stamps	10 90	1,591 74
1899.			
Jan. 1.	Balance		3,766 34
			$16,104 48

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN 1901.

On motion of Rev. W. K. Frick,

Resolved, That the Executive Committee* shall meet the day before the assembling of the next Convention, and arrange the business of the Council, with special view to the matters referred to the Council by the District Synods and the preceding Convention.

THANKS.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Horn,

Resolved, That the General Council heartily thanks Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth, and the congregation of Wicker Park Church, for their kind entertainment. Their unremitting attentions have made our stay among them pleasant. We wish them the continual blessing of God.

On motion,

Resolved, That at luncheon to-day, Rev. Dr. Belfour return thanks to the ladies who have so graciously provided the daily repast.

MINUTES.

On motion,

Resolved, That 2,500 copies of the English and 1,500 copies of the German Minutes be printed.

The Minutes of this session were read and approved.

At 12.15 noon of the seventh day of the Convention, the General Council adjourned, the brethren uniting in singing the Doxology, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow," and the President closing the Convention according to the prescribed Order of the Church Book.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

WILLIAM K. FRICK,
English Recording Secretary of the General Council.

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* "The officers of the General Council shall form the Executive Committee."—Constitution, Article II, Sec. 7.

Religious Services.

Wednesday Evening: Preliminary Meetings.

St. Peter's Church, Rev. H. B. Reed, Pastor—

Addresses by Rev. William L. Hunton, Ph. D., Pastor of St. John's, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; and Rev. H. A. W. Yung, Pastor of First English Church, Decatur, Ill.

St. Matthew's, Rev. Geo. P. Kabele, Pastor—

Addresses by Rev. Geo. W. Mechling, D. D., Pastor of St. Peter's, Lancaster, O.; and Rev. Chas. L. Fry, Pastor of Holy Trinity, Lancaster, Pa.

Thursday Morning: Opening Service.

Preparatory and Morning Service by Rev. Dr. A. L. Yount, Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, and Rev. W. K. Frick.

Sermon, by appointment of the President, delivered by Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, President of the New York Ministerium, on Isaiah liv, 2-4: "The Commission of the Lord unto us: Enlarge the Place of thy Tent."

Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday Evening: Home Mission Meetings.

Wicker Park Church—

The Altar Service was conducted by Rev. J. C. F. Rupp, of Scottdale, Pa.

Addresses by Rev. Eric Norelius, D. D., President of the Augustana Synod; Rev. John Nicum, D. D., President of Wagner College; and Rev. Jacob C. Kunzmann, Superintendent of English Home Missions.

Salem Church (Swedish), Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, Pastor—

Addresses by Rev. Gustaf A. Brandelle, Pastor of Augustana (Swedish) Church, Denver, Col. (in Swedish); Rev. Daniel W. Peterson, Pastor of Trinity (German) Church, Middle Village, N. Y.; and Rev. John E. Whitteker, former Superintendent of English Home Missions.

Immanuel Church (Swedish), Rev. C. A. Evald, Pastor—

Addresses by Rev. Lawrence A. Johnston, Pastor of First Swedish Church, St. Paul, Minn.; Rev. Martin L. Wagner, Pastor of St. James', Vandalia, Ill.; and Rev. Geo. W. Sandt, Managing Editor of "The Lutheran."

Friday Evening: FOREIGN MISSION MEETING.

Wicker Park Church—

The Altar Service was conducted by Rev. Alfred Ramsey, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Addresses by Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer (German), President of the Canada Synod; Rev. Edmund Belfour, D. D., Pastor of Memorial Church, Allegheny, Pa. (Jewish Work); and Rev. John Telleen, Superintendent of Foreign Missions.

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Addresses by Rev. Carl J. Petri, Pastor of Augustana (Swedish) Church, Minneapolis (in Swedish); Rev. Geo. H. Trabert, D. D., Pastor of Salem Church, Minneapolis; and Rev. Edward T. Horn, D. D., Pastor of Trinity Church, Reading, Pa.

Gethsemane Church (Swedish), Rev. M. C. Ranseen, D. D., Pastor—

Addresses by Rev. Fred. W. Weiskotten, Philadelphia, Editor of "Missions-Bote"; Rev. Adolphus L. Yount, D. D., President of the Pittsburgh Synod; and Rev. Carl A. Evald (in Swedish on Jewish Mission Work).

Saturday Evening: SUBURBAN MEETING.

Immanuel Church (Swedish), Evanston, Rev. Carl O. Solomonson, Pastor—

Addresses by Rev. Elmer F. Krauss, Pastor of First Church, Leechburg, Pa.; Rev. Fred. A. Kaehler, D. D., Pastor of Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.; and Rev. Carl J. Petri, Pastor of Augustana (Swedish) Church, Minneapolis (in Swedish).

Sunday Morning: SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Wicker Park Church—

Addresses by Rev. Frank Richards, D. D.; Rev. W. Ashmead Schaeffer, D. D.; Rev. Theo. E. Schmauk, D. D.; and Rev. C. F. Kuder.

Sunday Morning: DIVINE SERVICE.

Wicker Park Church—

The Altar Service was conducted by Rev. H. W. Roth, D. D.

Sermon by Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D. D., LL. D., Pastor of the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, on Micah vi, 3: "Doing Evil with Both Hands Earnestly."

Sunday Evening: DIVINE SERVICE.

Wicker Park Church—

The Altar Service was conducted by Rev. Alfred Ramsey, Minneapolis.

Sermon by Rev. Elmer F. Krauss, Pastor of First Church, Leechburg, Pa., on Rom. i, 16: "The Power of the Gospel, or the Efficacy of the Means of Grace."

Monday Evening: MEETING FOR WORKS OF MERCY.

Wicker Park Church—

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Addresses by Rev. Karl Goedel (German), Pastor of the Mary J. Drexel Deaconess' Home; Rev. C. Armand Miller, Pastor of Holy Trinity, New York; and Rev. William A. Passavant, Jr., Rector of the Milwaukee Deaconess Motherhouse.

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Tuesday Evening: EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

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								Clerical.	Lay.	
1	1867	Ft. Wayne, Ind....	Rev. G. Bassler.....	Rev. H. W. Roth.....	G. Fritschel, D.D.....	H. H. Muhlenberg, M.D	11	34	15	49
2	1868	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	C. W. Schaeffer, D.D.....	Rev. H. W. Roth.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	H. H. Muhlenberg, M.D	12	33	22	55
3	1869	Chicago, Ill.....	G. F. Krotel, D.D.....	Rev. H. W. Roth.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	C. F. Norton, Esq.....	11	38	24	62
4	1870	Lancaster, Ohio....	C. P. Krauth, D.D.....	Rev. S. Laird.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	11	32	20	52
5	1871	Rochester, N. Y....	C. P. Krauth, D.D.....	Rev. S. Laird.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	9	30	20	50
6	1872	Akron, Ohio.....	C. P. Krauth, D.D.....	Rev. S. Laird.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	9	27	14	41
7	1873	Erie, Pa.....	C. P. Krauth, D.D..	Rev. S. Laird.....	Rev. G. W. Drees.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	9	38	25	63
8	1874	Jamestown, N. Y...	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird.....	Rev. C. H. Thomson...	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	10	38	25	63
9	1875	Galesburg, Ill.....	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird.....	Rev. C. H. Thomson...	J.A.Geissenhainer,Esq.	10	35	18	53
10	1876	Bethlehem, Pa.....	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird.....	Rev. H. Grahn.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	41	26	67
11	1877	Philadelphia, Pa...	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird.....	E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	39	27	66
12	1879	Zanesville, Ohio...	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	H. E. Jacobs, D.D....	Rev. J. C. Petersen.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	27	22	49
13	1880	Greensburgh, Pa...	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	H. E. Jacobs, D.D....	E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	34	20	54
14	1881	Rochester, N. Y....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	Rev. E. Belfour.....	E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	37	24	61
15	1882	Lancaster, Ohio....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	Rev. E. Belfour.....	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten.	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	29	15	44
16	1883	New York, N. Y....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	Rev. E. Belfour.....	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten.	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	44	25	69
17	1884	Monroe, Mich.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. L. Harkey, D.D....	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten.	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	47	19	66
18	1885	Philadelphia, Pa...	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. L. Harkey, D.D....	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten.	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	49	38	87
19	1886	Chicago, Ill.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	Rev. C. A. Swensson..	Rev. J. Nicum.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	11	59	31	90
20	1887	Greenville, Pa.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	Rev. G. W. Mechling.	Rev. J. Nicum.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	40	25	65
21	1888	Minneapolis, Minn.	J. A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D...	Rev. G. W. Mechling.	Rev. J. Nicum.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	60	37	97
22	1889	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. G. W. Mechling.	Rev. J. Nicum.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	57	34	91
23	1891	Buffalo, N. Y.....	G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. G. W. Mechling.	Rev. J. Nicum, D.D....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	9	63	45	108
24	1893	Ft. Wayne, Ind....	C. A. Swensson, Ph. D....	Rev. G. W. Mechling.	Rev. J. Nicum, D.D....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	54	28	82
25	1895	Easton, Pa.....	E. F. Moldehnke, D.D....	Rev. W. K. Frick....	Rev. J. Nicum, D.D....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	65	42	107
26	1897	Erie, Pa.....	E. F. Moldehnke, D.D....	Rev. W. K. Frick....	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	9	71	44	115
27	1899	Chicago, Ill.....	M. C. Ranseen, D.D.....	Rev. W. K. Frick....	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	9	91	49	140

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1. New York.....	Rev. J. J. Heischmann, D.D.	Rev. J. C. Rud. Luehrs.	Rev. Emil Roth.		
2. Albany.....	Rev. Bern. Pick, Ph. D., D.D.	Rev. Karl L. Wolters.	Mr. H. Kratz, Albany, N.Y.		
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2. Eastern	Rev. G. W. Spiggle.	Rev. N. N. Harter.			
3. Middle.....	Rev. R. G. Rosenbaum.	Rev. Frank S. Beistel.	Rev. S. K. Herbster.		
4. Southern	Rev. Geo. S. Seaman.	Rev. Luther D. Reed.	Rev. Luther D. Reed.		
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Conferences.					
1. Northern.....	Rev. John H. Hunton.	Rev. Carl B. Schuchard.			
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Southwestern	Rev. Martin L. Wagner.	Rev. C. L. V. Dozer.			
VIII. ENGLISH SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.	**Rev. William K. Frick.**	**Rev. Joseph A. Leas.**	**Mr. Charles A. Smith,** 44th Av. N. and Lyndale Av., Minneapolis.	**St. Luke's,** Goodhue, Goodhue Co., Minn., June 20.	
IX. GERMAN SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.	**Rev. Martin Ruccius,** Neudorf, Assa., N. W. T.	**Rev. William Willing,** Edenwald, Assa., N. W. T.	**Rev. E. Berthold,** Gretna, Manitoba.	**St. John's,** Edenwald, Assa., N. W. T., July.	

General Council Missions.

(Under Synodical Control.)

I. MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Place.	Name.	Pastor.	Communicants.	Sunday School.	Church	Value of Property
Hainesport, N. J...	St. Paul's (Ger.)	J. C. Dizinger.....	100	76	Brick	$ 1,000
Riverside, N. J.....	Zion (German.)	E. Kionka.....	170	126	.....	2,000
Burlington, N. J...	St. Peter (Ger.)	E. Kionka.....	..	....	.....	.....
N Cramer Hill, N.J.	Christ (Ger.)..	H. R. Erdman	167	190	.....	5,500
Woodbury, N. J...	St. John (Ger.)	H. R. Erdman.....	30	29	.....	2,500
Egg Harbor, N. J..	Zion (German)	O. Lincke	70	171	.....	6,000
Oxford, N. J.....	Danish.....	C. C. Mengers	....	....	.....	.....
Plainfield, N. J....	Danish.....	C. C. Mengers.....	....	....	.....	.....
Tacony, Pa.....	German.....	A. Biemueller.....	95	91	.....	10,000
Bristol, Pa.....	German.....	A. Biemueller.....	58	45	.....	4,800
Philadelphia, Pa...	St. Mark's (Ger.)	H. D. E. Siebott.....	225	298	Brick	5,000
Philadelphia, Pa ..	Christ (Ger.)....	O. Kleine.....	290	288	Brick	30,000
Philadelphia, Pa...	Kreutz (Ger.)..	W. R. M. Oeser.....	284	423	Stone.	60,000
Germantown, Phila	St. Thomas'... (German.)	F. Jelden.....	60	80	Stone.	8,000
Folsom, N. J.....	St. James' (Ger.)	H. Mette.....	99	66	.....	.....
Chiselhurst, N. J ..	St. Paul's (Ger.)	H. Mette.....	30	38	.....	.....
Williamstown, N.J.	St. John's (Ger.)	H. Mette.	90	60	.....	.....
Philadelphia, Pa...	Friedens (Ger.)	R. Schmidt.....	205	396	Brick	.....
Olney, Phila, Pa...	Tabor (Ger.)....	Ph. Lamerdin	140	70	Frame	.....
Asbury Park, N. J.	The Atonement	G. A. Genzmer.....	68	80	Frame	10,000
Atlantic City, N. J.	St. Andrew's..	J. A. Kunkelman, D.D.	59	85	Frame	15,000
Manayunk, Phila..	The Epiphany.	C. P. Weiskotten.....	122	195	Stone	13,000
Tioga, Phila, Pa...	The Nativity..	U. S. G. Bertolet	191	320	Stone	15,000
Philadelphia, Pa...	The Incarnat'n	N. R. Melhorn.....	143	158	Stone	23,000
Philadelphia, Pa...	St. James'.....	F. E. Whitmore.....	56	99	Brick	4,500
Frankford, Phila ..	Salem.....	H. C. Wasmund.....	72	103	Frame	3,000
Philadelphia, Pa...	The Atonement	W. L. Stough..... ...	134	282	Stone	20,000
Philadelphia, Pa...	The Transfiguration.....	H. Branson Richards..	56	97	(Hall)	.....
Philadelphia, Pa...	The Redeemer	G. A. Kercher.....	60	134	(Hall)	.....
Philadelphia, Pa...	The Resurrection.....	Chas. E. Dozer.....	30	....	(Hall)	.....
Trenton, N. J.....	The Church of Saviour.....	Paul Z. Strodach.....	20	....	(Hall)	.....
Philadelphia, Pa...	Danish Church	C. C. Mengers.....	....	....	.....	.....
Philadelphia, Pa...	Norwegian Ch.	C. O. Rosing.....	81	....	(Hall)	.....
Allentown, Pa.....	St. Luke's.....	J. C. Rausch.....	325	456	Brick	15,000
Stroudsburg, Pa...	St. John's.....	B. F. Apple.....	144	13	Brick	12,500
East Bangor, Pa...	Grace.....	John F. Snyder.....	72	....	Frame	.....
Summit Hill, Pa...	St. Paul's	U. J. Bauer	185	223	Frame	6,000
Lansford, Pa	Trinity.....	C. J. Gable.....	87	141	Frame	5,000
Scranton, Pa.....	St. Mark's.....	A. J. Ramer, Ph.D.....	205	172	Frame	.....
Scranton, Pa.....	St. Paul's	W. C. L. Lauer.....	40	85	Frame	.....
Scranton, Pa.....	Christ (Ger.)..	J. D. C. Witke	270	140	Brick	4,500
Sayre, Pa.....	St. John's.....	W. M. Rehrig, Ph.D...	98	160	Frame	3,600
Great Bend, Pa....	.....	M. J. Bieber.....	....	....	Frame	1,500
Gouldsboro, Pa....	Grace.....	C. E. Blethen.....	....	...	Frame	3,000

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Wilkes-Barre, Pa..	Christ.....	H. F. J. Seneker.....	170	192	Frame	$6,500
Wanamie, Pa.....	St. James'.....	H. F. J. Seneker.....	20	51	Frame	.....
Foxen, Pa.....	St. Luke's.....	J. I. Miller, D.D.....	40	184	Frame	.....
Ricketts, Pa.....	St. John's.....	J. I. Miller, D.D.....	30	....	Frame	2,000
West Hazleton, Pa.	Trinity.....	E. F. Ritter.....	228	268	Frame	4,000
Sheppton, Pa.....	St. Peter.....	E. F. Ritter.....	60	71	Frame	.....
Carbondale, Pa....	St. Paul (Ger.).	F. Ehinger	50	63	.....	.....
Mt. Carmel, Pa....	Slavonian Miss	L. Havel	....	....	.....	.....
Reading, Pa.....	Bethany.....	W. A. Snyder	100	185	Stone	.....
Wernersville, Pa ..	Trinity.....	W. A. Snyder.....	90	141	Brick	.....
Tower City, Pa....	St. Paul's.....	W. F. Bond.....	202	350	Frame	3,500
Orwin, Pa.....	St. Peter's.....	W. F. Bond.....	56	90	Frame	2,000
Quakake, Pa.....	Ascension.....	P. A. Behler.....	80	208	.....	.....
Rush Township, Pa	Christ	P. A. Behler	235	282	.....	.....
Ryan, Schuylkill Co	St. Peter's....	P. A. Behler.....	28	107	.....	.....
Port Carbon, Pa...	St. Paul's.....	C. W. Eberwine.....	183	....	Frame	.....
Middleport, Pa....	St. Paul.....	C. W. Eberwine.....	127	....	Stone	3,000
Pine Grove, Pa....	.....	H. B. Strodach.....	....	....	.....	.....
Steelton, Pa.....	Trinity (Ger.) .	E. Metzenthin	175	117	.....	.....
Strasburg, Pa.....	St. Michael's..	G. W. McClanahan....	99	121	Brick	9,000
Mt. Joy, Pa.....	Trinity.....	W. Penn Barr	93	....	Stone	.....
Shamokin, Pa.....	Grace.....	J. F. Wampole.....	237	350	Brick	6,000
Mt. Carmel, Pa....	Zion.....	J. F. Wampole.....	25	...	Frame	.....
Richfield, Pa.....	Richfield.....	E. E. Gilbert.....	56	....	Frame	1,500
Oriental, Pa.....	St. Paul's.....	E. E. Gilbert.....	18	....	Frame	1,000
Fayette Township, Juniata Co., Pa..	St. John's.....	E. E. Gilbert.....	8	....	Frame	.....
Monroe Township, Juniata Co., Pa..	St. Peter's.....	E. E. Gilbert.....	35	....	Frame	1,200
Perry Township, Snyder Co., Pa..	Zion	E. E. Gilbert.....	17	....	Frame	1,100
Jersey Shore, Pa..	Zion.....	L. Rosenberg	48	56	Brick	2,000
Sunbury, Pa.....	St. Luke's.....	J. N. Wetzler, Ph.D...	183	180	Brick	6,000
Williamsport, Pa.. (Burlingame.)	Christ (Ger.)..	H. Meyers.....	103	88	.....	.....
Reading, Pa.....	St. Paul's.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Magnolia, N. J....	.....	Supplied by Students of the Phila. Seminary.	....	....	Frame	2,400

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E. Allentown, Pa..	St. Joseph's...	Geo. M. Scheidy	....	...	.....	.....
Allentown, Pa.....	St. Stephen's..	.....	....	....	.....	.....
S. Bethlehem, Pa..	St. Paul's.....	Prof. J. A. Bauman, Ph.D	69	185	.....	.....
N. Bethlehem, Pa..	St. Stephen's ..	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Llanerch, Pa.....	Mission of.... Trinity, Phila.	S. A. K. Francis.....	....	....	.....	.....
Great Bend, Pa....	Trinity.....	M. J. Bieber.....	21	....	.....	.....
Lancaster, Pa.....	Christ..... Miss. of Trinity	John W. Richards.....	350	425	Brick	30,000
Lebanon, Pa.....	St. James'.....	T. E. Schmauk, D.D., E. P. H. Pfatteicher.	....	....	Ch'rch	5,000
Annville, Pa.....	St. Paul's.....	T. E. Schmauk, D.D., E. P. H. Pfatteicher.	95	107	Ch'rch	8,000

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Sunnyside, Pa.....	Grace.....	T. E. Schmauk, D.D., E. P. H. Pfatteicher.	12	48	Ch'rch	$2,50
Cornwall, Pa.....	Salem.....	J. Fishburn.....	40	75	Ch'rch	3,50
(East) Reading, Pa.	Faith.....	L. D. Lazarus.....	36	80	Chap'l	2,50
(North) Reading, Pa	Peace.....	L. D. Lazarus.....	43	132	Chap'l	2,50
Reading, Pa.....	Hope*.....	H. W. Warmkessel...	210	220	.....	.....
Elizabeth, N. J.(1).	Holy Trinity..	F. C. Krapf...	46	251	.....	.....

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(1) Aided by Holy Trinity, New York.

The following have recently become self-sustaining:

Philadelphia, Pa...	Bethlehem....	G. C. Loos.....	166	343	(Hall)	$35,00
Philadelphia, Pa...	Church of the Apostles....	Warren J. Ellis.....	73	189	(Hall)	30,00
Wilmington, Del..	St. Stephen's..	F. Doerr.....	230	204	Brick	10,00
Chester, Pa.....	Holy Trinity..	I. Chantry Hoffman ..	190	197	Brick	9,00

II. MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

A. German Missions.

Brockport, N. Y...	Concordia.....	Fr. W. Bencke.....	85	29	Frame	$ 7,00
Buffalo, N. Y.....	Redeemer.....	C. Frank Bambam....	151	161	Frame	6,00
Corona, L. I., N.Y.	Emanuel.....	Ferd. Ruge.....	70	58	Frame	2,50
Farmington, N. Y.	St. John's.....	E. Reissig.....	100	55	Frame	2,00
Ravena, N.Y.....	Trinity.....	R. Pfeil	50	35	Frame	3,00
Rochester, N. Y...	Zion	John Hartmann.....	100	41	Frame	.....
Van Nest, N. Y....	St. Luke's.....	W. Eichmann....	33	96	Frame	3,00
Williamsbri'ge,N.Y	St. Peter's.....	H. Reumann.....	83	136	Brick	4,00
Bridgeport, Conn..	St. John's.....	R. Lucas.....	60	43	.....	.....
Hackensack, N. J..	St. Mark's.....	L. C. Voelker	55	70	.....	.....
Plainfield, N. J....	St. Peter's.....	A. F. Schaeffer.....	30	39	Frame	.....
RockvilleC'nt'r N.Y	Holy Trinity..	Wm. H. Steinbecker...	38	59	Frame	2,00

B. English Missions.

Albany, N. Y.....	Emanuel.....	W. A. Lambert.....	80	....	.....	.....
Elmira, N. Y.... .	Holy Trinity..	M. J. Bieber.....	18	50	.....	.....
Brooklyn, N. Y. (1)	Reformation...	H. P. Miller	86	211	.....	.....
Brooklyn, N. Y...	St. Stephen's...	Luther D. Gable.....	48	201	Frame	$9,00
Rochester, N. Y.(2)	St. Paul's.....	L. F. Mayle.....	70	326	.....	.....
Brooklyn, N. Y....	Bedford Dist..	S. G. Trexler.....	....	..	.....	.....
Binghamt'n,N.Y(1)	Redeemer. ...	M. J. Bieber.....	119	136	.....	10,00
Rochester, N. Y..(1)	Trinity.....	H. C. Erbes.....	250	200	Ch'rch	10,00
New Rochelle, N.Y	Holy Trinity..	S. Paulson...	17	30	.....	.....

(1) Now self-sustaining.

(2) Aided by Church of Reformation, Rochester.

III. PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Place.	Name.	Pastor.	Communicants.	Sunday School.	Church	Value of Property.
Allegheny, Pa.....	Emanuel.....	Luther D. Reed.....	101	149	Frame	$ 9,000
Allegheny, Pa.....	Grace.....	J. J. Brubeck.....	63	217	Frame	9,000
Allegheny, Pa.....	Mt. Zion.....	T. S. Brown.....	113	153	Frame	3,500
Beaver Falls, Pa...	Christ's	J. A. Zundel.....	114	146	Frame	8,000
Braddock, Pa.....	Trinity.....	Vacant	22	25	Frame	5,000
Bradenville, Pa ...	Zion's.....	Vacant	27	40	None.	50
Bridgeport, O.....	Trinity.....	E. O. Graham.....	53	95	None.	.....
Corry, Pa....	St. Paul's.....	Josef Schmalenbach..	28	22	Frame	2,500
Dennison, O.....	St. Paul's.....	Emil Testinsky.....	46	54	Frame	1,200
Derry, Pa.....	Trinity.....	Vacant	130	98	Frame	3,000
East Liverpool, O..	St. John's	J. G. Reinartz.....	140	122	Brick	15,000
Ellwood City, Pa..	Trinity.....	P. Riffer.....	39	54	None.	1,000
Homestead, Pa....	St. John's.....	G. S. Seaman.....	141	114	Frame	8,000
Barren Run, Pa....	St. John's....	J. C. F. Rupp.	63	....	Brick	1,000
Jeanette, Pa.....	Holy Trinity..	F. S. Beistel	189	213	Brick	16,000
Johnsonburg, Pa...	St. John's.....	J. Schmalenbach.....	76	35	None.	200
Aliquippa, Pa.....	H'se of Prayer	C. L. Holloway.....	28	32	Frame	2,000
Meadville, Pa	Trinity.....	A. L. Benze.....	96	46	Brick	8,000
McKeesport, Pa...	St. John's.....	S. M. Mountz	76	91	Brick	20,000
McKees Rocks, Pa.	St. John's.....	J. A. Tarnedde.....	137	70	Frame	4,500
Monaca, Pa'.....	Ch of Redeem'r	C. L. Holloway.....	82	138	Brick	7,000
Morgantown, W.Va	St. Paul's	Ira M. Wallace	36	28	None.	1,800
Natrona, Pa.....	St. Peter's.....	J. K. Melhorn.....	50	25	Brick	5,000
New Castle, Pa....	St. John's.....	J. H. Miller.....	108	140	None.	5,000
New Brighton, Pa..	Trinity.....	F. W. Kohler	88	75	Frame	5,000
North East, Pa....	St. Peter's.....	G. G. Ruff	58	42	Frame	650
Parkersburg, W.Va	St. John's.....	L. O. Hammer	79	56	None.	.....
Red Hill, W. Va...	St. Paul's.....	L. O. Hammer	18	14	.....	1,000
Fayette Co., Pa....	St. John's.....	Ira M. Wallace.....	45	35	Brick	1,000
Scottdale, Pa.....	St. Paul's.....	J. C. F. Rupp.....	94	66	Frame	4,000
Tarentum, Pa.....	Grace.....	J. K. Melhorn.....	46	23	Frame	4,000
Washington, Pa...	First Church..	Vacant	89	83	Brick	5,000
Wilkinsburg, Pa...	St. Paul's.....	J. F. Heckert.....	65	69	None.	7,500
Youngstown, O ...	St. John's	H. Ruphoff	94	30	Frame	3,500
Reynoldsville, Pa	Reynoldsville .	A. H. Kinnard.....	....	...	Frame	3,000
ChestnutGr've,Pa	Charge.....	A. H. Kinnard.....	....	....	Frame	2,000
Emerickville, Pa		A. H. Kinnard.....	....	....	Frame	2,000
Ford City, Pa.....	Mission	G. W. Spiggle.....	40	....	.....	3,000
Coudersport, Pa.(1)	St. Paul's ..... (Ger.-Eng.)	Isaac N. Stettler.....	125	129	Ch'rch	5,000
Erie, Pa.(2)	St. Stephen's .. Eng.	C. Theo. Benze.....	150	193	Ch'rch	4,000

(1) Now self-sustaining.

(2) Supported by St. John's (Ger.-Eng.)

IV. DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Place.	Name.	Pastor.	Communicants.	Sunday School.	Church	Value of Property.
Ashville, O.	.....	J. J. S. Rumbarger	68	107	Frame	$ 3,500
East Toledo, O.	Martin Luther.	C. B. Schuchard	180	152	Brick	9,600
Perrysburg, O.	St. John's	C. B. Schuchard	52	41	.....	.....
McClure, O.	St. Paul's	C. E. Schweikert	29	63	.....	2,500
Paulding, O.	Trinity	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pemberville, O.	Martin Luther.	E. J. E. Kuhlman	74	53	.....	4,000
Toledo, O.	St. Matthew's.	Hiram Peters	150	185	Frame	6,800
West Carrolton, O.	Grace	Vacant	....	....	.....	.....
Near Miamisb'g, O.	St. John's	Vacant	....	....	.....	.....

V. THE AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

Monson, Me.	Zion	*A. J. Okerblem	40	45	Frame	$ 4,00
Portland, Me.	Immanuel	A. Aaron	40	30	Brick	10,0
			80	75		14,000
Concord, N. H.	Concordia	*F. W. Lindstrom	60	25	Frame	3,000
Brattleboro, Vt.	.....	*O. Olsson	50	30	Frame	2,200
Everett, Mass.	.....	*O. Olsson	60	41	Frame	5,000
Fall River, Mass.	.....	G. A. Eckman	62	....	Frame	.....
Gloucester, Mass.	.....	*P. A. Zedren	17	....	Frame	900
Orange, Mass.	.....	*O. Olsson	100	70	Brick	7,500
Pigeon Center, Mass	Klippan	G. A. Eckman	22	16	Frame	2,000
Quincy, Mass.	Salem	*A. F. Anderson	113	199	Stone.	10,000
Rockport, Mass.	.....	*P. A. Zedren	....	....	.....	.....
Wakefield, Mass.	.....	*A. Andre	....	...	.....	.....
Woburn, Mass.	.....	*A. Andre	82	12	Frame	7,100
			456	338		$32,500
Ansonia, Conn.	St. Paul's	P. Froberg	73	34	Frame	12,000
Danbury, Conn.	.....	K. A. Martin	52	....	.....	.....
Meriden, Conn.	Emanuel	*A. Andreen	84	39	Frame	7,000
Norwich, Conn.	Salem	*A. Andeer	88	34	Frame	6,000
Stamford, Conn.	Johannes	*A. Andeer	40	....	Frame	5,000
Washington, Conn.	Trinity	K. A. Martin	68	....	Frame	3,000
			405	107		$32,000
Blythebourne, N.Y.	.....	*N. Ebb	....	....	.....	.....
Cattaraugus, N. Y.	.....	O. Ostrom	....	....	.....	.....
Cornwall, N. Y.	.....	*F. N. Anderson	....	....	.....	.....
Depew, N. Y.	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Fredonia, N Y.	Genesareth	.....	15	....	.....	.....
Limestone, N. Y.	.....	O. Ostrom	....	....	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	.....	Prof. H. Hegstrom	82	17	Frame	6,700
Newbury, N. Y.	.....	*F. W. Lindstrom	....	....	.....	.....
New Ams'd'm, N.Y.	.....	*F. W. Lindstrom	....	....	.....	.....

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New Rochelle, N.Y.	.....	*J. C. Westlund.....	....	....	.....	.....
Olean, N. Y.....	Bethany.....	O. Ostrom.....	....	....	.....	.....
Pleasantville, N. Y.	Emanuel.....	C. P. Edlund.....	15	....	Frame	$2,100
Portville, N. Y....	.....	O. Ostrom.....	....	....	.....	.....
Poughk'psie, N.Y..	.....	*F. W. Lindstrom.....	....	....	.....	.....
Salamanca, N. Y..	.....	O. Ostrom.....	....	....	.....	.....
Schenectady, N Y..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Sing Sing, N. Y...	Zion.....	C. P. Edlund.....	31	9	.....	200
Tarrytown, N. Y...	.....	C. P. Edlund.....	....	....	.....	.....
Troy, N. Y.....	.....	C. P. Edlund.....	....	....	.....	.....
West Troy, N. Y...	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Welleville, N. Y..	.....	O. Ostrom.....	....	....	.....	.....
White Plains, N.Y..	.....	C. P. Edlund.....	....	....	.....	.....
			143	26		$9,000
Bayenne, N. J.....	.....	*G. Reuser.....	....	....	.....	.....
East Orange, N. J..	Zion	J. G. Danielson	30	....	.....	.....
Elizabeth, N. J....	.....	J. G Danielson	....	....	.....	.....
Jersey City, N. J..	Ebenezer.....	*G. Reuser.....	112	71	Frame	1,400
Morristown, N. J..	....	J. G. Danielson	....	....	.....	.....
Mount Clair, N.J..	.....	*Abel Wikberg.....	78	40	Frame	5,00
Newark, N. J	.....	J. G. Danielson	11	....	.....	.....
Paterson, N. J	Zion	*Hans Johnson.....	35	29	.....	.....
Perth Amboy, N.J.	.....	J. G. Danielson	....	....	.....	.....
Summit, N. J.....	.....	J. G. Danielson	29	....	Frame	5,000
West View, N. J...	.....	*G. Reuser.....	40	....	Frame	3,000
			335	140		$14,700
Austin, Pa.....	.....	*Karl Anderson.....	25	11	Frame	1,375
Banning, Pa.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Bessemer, Pa.....	.....	*A. C. Anderson.....	....	....	.....	.....
Costello, Pa	.....	*Karl Anderson.....	....	....	.....	.....
Cross Fork, Pa....	.....	*Karl Anderson.....	....	....	.....	.....
Curwensville, Pa..	.....	*O. Lindstrom	....	....	.....	.....
Du Quesne, Pa....	.....	.....	72	34	Frame	2,500
Export, Pa.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Glen Richey, Pa...	.....	*O. Lindstrom.....	....	....	.....	.....
Greensburgh, Pa...	Salem.....	*E. Floreen.....	109	34	Frame	6,362
Hastings, Pa	.....	*J. P. Dalen	69	43	Frame	2,200
Homestead, Pa....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Idle Park, Pa.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Newcastle, Pa.....	Zion	.....	25	....	Frame	2,000
Oil City, Pa.....	.....	G. L. Dagner.....	....	....	.....	.....
Pateen, Pa	.....	*J. P. Dalen	20	....	.....	.....
Pittsburgh, Pa,....	Gust Adolf....	*C. E. Benson	225	106	Brick	9,542
Renevo, Pa.....	.....	A. G. Ander.....	78	43	Frame	6,500
Stonesboro, Pa	.....	G. L. Dagner.....	....	....	.....	.....
Tidioute, Pa	Salem.....	G. L. Dagner.....	41	....	Frame	2,600
Williamsport, Pa..	.....	A. G. Ander.....	58	20	Frame	6,500
			584	269		$29,547
Baltimore, Md.....	.....	*C. O. Hartzman.....	....	....	.....	.....

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Washington, D. C.	.....	*C. O. Hartzman	....	....	.....	.....
Pierson, Fla	Ebenezer	J. N. Alexis	40	23	Frame	$ 2,500
Upsala, Fla	.....	J. N. Alexis	11	....	Frame	1,500
			51	23		$ 4,000
Fruithurst, Ala	Emanuel	J. E. Hedberg	28	18	.....	.....
Thornby, Ala	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Youngstown, O	Bethel	.....	83	47	Frame	2,405
East Chicago, Ind	.....	.....	....	...	.....	.....
Hobart, Ind	Augustana	O. Holmgrain	30	18	Frame	3,200
Millers, Ind	.....	O. Holmgrain	34	59	Frame	1,000
Michigan City, Ind	Zion	.....	73	66	Frame	7,500
Whiting, Ind	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
			137	135		$11,700
Austin, Ill	Messiah	J. N. Brandelle	90	77	Frame	3,000
Belvidere, Ill	Zion	G. Peters	57	11	.....	.....
Berwyn, Ill	Augustana	C. Granath	44	20	.....	.....
Blue Island, Ill	Siloa	A. P. Martin	40	41	Frame	2,500
Canton, Ill	Bethlehem	.....	48	56	Frame	2,800
Chicago (Cuyler)	Salem	A. Edgren	....	....	.....	.....
Chicago, Ill	St. Paul	G. K. Stark	110	39	Frame	6,000
Chicago, Ill	Summerdale	T. O. Linell	60	95	Frame	2,675
Chicago Hights, Ill	Zion	J. N. Brandelle	24	....	.....	.....
Danville, Ill	.....	A. E. Johnson	51	42	Frame	1,500
Galesburg, Ill	Zion	.....	50	73	.....	.....
Greenview, Ill	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Harvey, Ill	Tabor	A. P. Martin	16	....	.....	.....
Hegewich, Ill	Lebanon	G. Lundahl	67	74	Frame	3,650
Highwood, Ill	Zion	Carl Solomonson	28	51	Frame	1,500
Jefferson, Ill	Emmaus	T. O. Linell	55	38	Frame	1,200
La Grange, Ill	.....	Alfred Ostrom	100	55	Frame	4,500
Macomb, Ill	Trinity	O. Anderson	50	33	Frame	1,000
Maywood, Ill	.....	J. N. Brandelle	64	35	Frame	4,500
Morrison, Ill	Bethesda	J. E. Holzt	35	....	Frame	1,200
Moreland, Ill	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Rockford, Ill	Emanuel	Oscar Nelson	166	233	Frame	17,000
Waukegan, Ill	Trinity	G. K. Stark	57	....	.....	1,200
			1212	963		54,225
Arcadia, Mich	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Abronia, Mich	Sandhem	.....	60	23	Frame	1,000
Barraga, Mich	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Big Rapids, Mich	Immanuel	.....	41	52	Frame	1,400
Borland, Mich	Memorial	.....	22	12	Frame	1,400
Colfax, Mich	.....	C. A. Lundvall	60	40	Frame	600
Dallas Bay, Mich	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Crystal Falls, Mich	.....	.....	48	67	Frame	1,000
Daggett, Mich	.....	A. E. Hiller	40	25	Frame	1,300

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Gilbert, Mich			123	44	Frame	$ 1,800
Gladstone, Mich			35	45	Frame	1,200
Hancock, Mich						
Hobart, Mich						
Houghton, Mich						
Iron River, Mich			39		Frame	1,200
Ironwood, Mich	Salem	H. F. Douren	171	223	Frame	2,200
Michigamme, Mich	Bethlehem		44	46	Frame	1,000
Moseley, Mich						
Oscoda, Mich	Eliezer		39	33	Frame	1,000
Shanee, Mich		*A. C. Youngdahl	90	61	Frame	2,000
St. Joseph, Mich	Saron	S. E. Rydberg	32	20	Frame	1,525
Wallace, Mich		A. E. Hiller	28	17	Frame	1,300
			872	708		$19,925
Bayfield, Wis		*H. Kullander	26	25	Frame	1,200
Bennet Siding, Wis	Immanuel		33			50
Birch Lake, Wis	Trinity		36			
Ellison Bay, Wis		A. Kinell	31	14	Frame	1,00
Florence, Wis			37			
Glen Falls, Wis	Saron	C. A. Rosander	20		Frame	1,0 0
Grantsburg, Wis	Salem	J. P. Mattson	41	28	Log	1,000
Juddville, Wis		A. Kinell	30			
Madison, Wis			43	23		
Kenosha, Wis		G. K. Stark	110	39	Frame	6,000
Milwaukee, Wis						
Masling, Wis						
New Sweden, Wis		J. P. Mattson	24	23	Frame	600
Phillippi, Wis		C. A. Rosander	17	39	Frame	1,200
Poplar, Wis	Bethania		37	33	Frame	1,300
Port Wing, Wis			32	17		
Prentice, Wis		C. E. Cesander	85	66	Frame	2,200
Racine, Wis		G. K. Stark	32			
Rhinelander, Wis		C. A. Rosander	41	40	Frame	1,800
Sister Bay, Wis	Zion	A. Kinell	31	14	Frame	1,000
So. Superior, Wis	Salem		42	34	Frame	700
Superior, Wis	Zion		31	23	Frame	3,000
Washburn, Wis	Immanuel		56	32	Frame	1,300
Wausau, Wis		C. E. Cesander	35	23	Frame	2,500
West Superior, Wis	Bethlehem		57	81	Frame	1,600
West Superior, Wis	Pilgrim		130	143	Frame	8,000
Wonewoc, Wis		C. E. Cesander	32	11	Frame	250
Wood River, Wis	Ansgari	J. P. Mattson	41	28	Log	1,000
			1130	733		$36,700
Cedar Rapids, Ia	Saron		35	25	Frame	3,829
Cherokee, Ia						
Council Bluffs, Ia		S. G. Larson	62	36	Brick	6,400
Delaware, Ia	Immanuel		37	21	Frame	1,000
Keokuk, Ia		E. Stenholm	86	48	Frame	4,000
McGregor, Ia	Mendon		63	34	Frame	1,200
Marcus, Ia	Carmel	C. A. Lindahl	68	46	Frame	2,350
Meriden, Ia		C. A. Lindahl	22	17		

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New London, Ia...	.....	C. J. Maxell.....	17	....	Frame	$ 900
Spencer, Ia.....	.....	.....	17	8	Frame	1,500
Summitville, Ia....	Victoria.....	E. Stenholm.....	40	29	Frame	600
Swede Valley, Ia...	.....	J. F. Ahlin	182	92	Frame	5,500
			629	356		$25,279
Bucklin, Mo.....	.....	.....	71	52	Frame	1,200
Rock Springs, Mo.	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
St. Joseph, Mo....	.....	.....	59	15	Brick	6,500
St. Louis, Mo.....	.....	.....	62	48	Brick	4,500
Verona, Mo... ...	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Swedesburg, Mo..	.....	.....	....	...	.....	.....
			192	115		$12,200
Enne, Rawlins Co., Kan.....	.....	.....	28	13	Frame	500
Gove Co, Kan.....	Saron	.....	45	11	Stone.	600
Kansas City, Kan ..	.....	E. Glad.....	21	19	Frame	2,000
Lawrence, Kan	.....	E. Glad.....	60	56	Frame	3,000
Lund, Kan	Gustaf's.....	.....	12	10	.....	.....
Page Co., Kan.....	Bethesda	.....	31	25	Frame	3,000
Pittsburg, Kan ...	Lydia	*J. A. Bergstrom.....	26	17	Frame	1,200
Sharon Sp'ngs, Kan	Saron	.....	18	....	.....	.....
Sherman Co., Kan..	Zion	.....	21	..	.....	.....
Stockholm, Kan...	Bethania	.....	73	33	Frame	1,200
			335	184		$11,500
Boulder, Col... ..	.....	.....	38	31	Stone.	3,000
Colorado Sp'gs, Col.	.....	G. E. Youngdahl.....	36	...	Frame	1,200
Fort Collins, Col...	.....	.....	...	....	.....	.....
Georgetown, Col ...	....	*Harold Olsen.....	15	...	Frame	1,000
Golden, Col.....	.....	*Harold Olsen.....	25	24	Frame	1,200
Greeley, Col.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Idaho Springs, Col.	.....	*Harold Olsen.... ...	22	18	Frame	1,800
Longmont, Col ...	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Las Animas, Col...	....	*Edward Thorstenberg	35	36	.....	1,000
Lund, Col.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Pueblo, Col	.....	*C. J. Albartus.....	58	..	Stone	2,500
Risby, Col.....	....	P. Lofgran	70	31	Stone.	2,500
			299	145		$14,200
Chesterville, Tex..	Elina	P. J. Sanden.....	24	28	.....	.....
El Campo, Tex....	Phillippi	P. J. Aurelius.....	145	73	Frame	4,000
Ganado, Tex	Salem	J. P. Aurelius.....	24	35	Frame	1,100
Georgetown, Tex..	Bethel.....	.....	10	11	Frame	500
Guadaloupe, Tex...	.....	C. J. Damstrom.....	....	....	.....	.....
Houston, Tex.....	Immanuel	.....	18	....	.....	.....
Hatto, Tex	.....	R. P. Acsell.....	56	33	Frame	1,400
Jasmine, Tex.....	Emanuel	C. J. Damstrom	22	17	.....	.....
Olivia, Tex.....	Eden.....	C. J. Damstrom	32	23	.....	200
Port Lovacca, Tex.	.....	C. J. Damstrom	....	....	.....	.....
Salemburg, Tex...	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Victoria, Tex.....	.....	....	....	..	.....	.....
			331	220		$ 7,200

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Banner Co., Neb...	Elim	.....	....	....	Log ..	.....
Boyd Co., Neb.....	Messias	K. J. Bring	27	16	Sod ..	.....
Cheyenne Co., Neb.	Smyrna	.....	....	....	Frame	.....
Concord, Neb	Concordia	.....	....	...	....	.....
Dahlsberg, Neb....	....	C. A. Bergendoff	56	27	Frame	1,500
Dawes Co., Neb...	Bethlehem	O. A. Johnson	....	....	.....	.....
Deuel Co., Neb....	Berea	O. A. Johnson	46	....	Frame	400
Deuel Co., Neb....	Siloa	O. A. Johnson	12	....	Stone.	150
Fridberg, Neb.....	.....	O. A. Johnson	....	....	.....	.....
Fridham, Neb.....	.....	C. F. Granere	35	24	Frame	875
Greeley Co., Neb..	Concordia	C. F. Granere	54	32	Frame	2,000
Greeley Center, Neb	.....	C. F. Granere	....	....	.....	.....
Harlan Co., Neb...	Immanuel	O. A. Johnson	....	....	.....	.....
Hartington, Neb...	Immanuel	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Kearney, Neb	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Kimball, Neb.....	Karmel	O. A. Johnson	17	....	Frame	.....
Lime Grove, Neb..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Lincoln, Neb.....	.....	C. Christenson	137	75	Frame	10,000
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Omaha, Neb.....	Salem	C. E. Elving	72	183	Frame	9,000
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Rosendahl, Neb....	.....	K. J. Bring	27	41	Frame	450
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Aitkin Co., Minn..	Bethlehem	.....	30	....	Frame	700
Aitkin Co., Minn..	Maria	.....	42	2	Log ..	500
Aitkin Co., Minn..	St. Paul.....	.....	16	14	.....	.....
Aitkin Co., Minn..	Saron	.....	39	...	.....	.....
Atkinson, Minn....	Bethel.....	J. Truedsen.	17	11	Frame	1,000
Hopkins, Minn....	Gethsemane ...	T. Ekblad	90	76	Brick	2,000
Mathowa, Minn...	Salem	J. Truedsen	30	18	Frame	675
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Park Ridge, Minn.	.....	.....	16	....	.....	.....
Pine Co., Minn....	Blemskog	J. Truedsen	48	19	.....	.....
St. Paul, Minn....	Gustaf Adolf..	C. J. Carlsen	323	118	Brick	22,934
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St. Paul, Minn....	Merriam Park.	L. Hocanzon	23	17	.....	.....
S. St. Paul, Minn..	Bethesda	L. Hocanzon	29	28	Frame	1,600
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			922	551		$ 40,911
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Idaho..... / Oregon ..... / Washington.....	.....	P. Carlson ..... / Travelling Missionary.	....	...	.....	.....

Place.	Name.	Pastor.	Communicants.	Sunday School.	Church	Value Propert
Eureka, Cal			25	52	Frame	5,0
Los Angeles, Cal.	Angelica	P. A. Edquist	85	18	Frame	12,0
Riverside, Cal.	Eden	A. M. Le Veau	36	13	Frame	4,8
Ogden, Utah		P. Åslev				
Park City, Utah		P. Åslev				
Provo, Utah		A. Gunberg				
Salt Lake City, Utah		P. Åslev				
Sandy, Utah		P. Åslev				
Sanlaquin, Utah		A. Gunberg				
Basalt, Idaho		A. Gunberg	46			
Boise City, Idaho		A. Gunberg				
Idaho Falls, Idaho		A. Gunberg	31			
Anaconda, Mont.		A. E. Gustafsen				
Butte, Mont		A. E. Gustafsen				
East Helena, Mont.		C. E. Frisk				
Helena, Mont		C. E. Frisk				
Missoula, Mont.		A. E. Gustafsen				
Livingston, Mont.		C. E. Frisk				
Bijou Hills, S. D.						
Carthage, S. D.	Zion	A. Sundberg	36	18	Frame	1,2
Deadwood, S. D.		S. L. Wilson				
Elfeberg, S. D.						
Erwin, S. D.	Clara	A. Sundberg	50	29	Frame	1,2
Fridhem, S. D.			34	22	Frame	1,2
Flandreau, S. D.	Chila		13			
Huron, S. D.						
Mitchell, S. D.	Nyhem		51		Frame	7
Pierre, S. D.	Zion					
Platt Valley, S. D.						
Rapid City, S. D.		S. L. Wilson				
			184	69		$4,3
Bismarck, N. D.		A. G. Olsson	32	29	Frame	8
Bottineau, N. D.		L. E. Gullander	46			
Cheyenne, N. D.	Augustana	L. E. Gullander	72	15		8
Covington, N. D.	Wallin	L. E. Gullander	30			
Slaughter, N. D.		A. G. Olsson	72	37	Frame	1,4
Viking, N. D.	Clara	L. E. Gullander	27			
			279	81		$ 3,0
Scandinavia, Man.	Bethlehem	B. O. Berg	59	81	Frame	1,5
Tyndall, Man			15			
Winnipeg, Man.	Zion	E. Rehner	59	67	Frame	3,0
Whitemouth, Man.	Immanuel		21			
			154	82		$ 4,5
Rat Portage, Ont.	Bethesda	G. S. Larsen	56	55	Frame	2,1

Place.	Name.	Pastor.	Communicants.	Sunday School.	Church	Value of Property.
Fleming, Assa.....	.....	A. G. Olsen (Catechist)	....	...	.....	.....
Perceval, Assa.....	Immanuel.....	A. G. Olsen (Catechist)	45	11	.....	.....
New Stockh'm, Assa	.....	A. G. Olsen (Catechist)	67	45	Log ..	$2,000
Whitemouth, Assa.	.....	A. G. Olsen (Catechist)	....	....	.....	.....
Battle Lake, Alberta	Svea	A. G. Olsen (Catechist)	....	....	.....	.....
Wetaskiwin, Ath'ca	Bethlehem.....	A. G. Olsen (Catechist)	....	....	.....	.....
			112	56		$2,000

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Arnprior, Ont.....	St. John's...	B. Christiansen	165	77	Frame	$1,500
Admanston, Ont...	St. James'...				Frame	900
Wiarton, Ont.....	St. Peter's.....	G. Schroeder	138	53	Frame	1,200
Port Elgin, Ont....	No Congrega'n				.....	.....
Southampton, Ont..	No Congrega'n				.....	.....
Denbigh, Ont.....	St. Paul's....	P. Besig.....	168	73	Frame	1,200
Plevna, Ont	St. John's...				.....	.....
Raglan, Ont.....	St. Stephen's				Frame	1,000
Auburn, Ont.....	Salem.....	E. M. Gentzmer.....	62	45	Frame	1,000
Ottawa, Ont.....	St. John's.....	C. Lucas	70	47	Brick.	2,000
Draper Twp, Ont..	Nazareth ...	O. Klaehn.....	70		Log ..	1,000
Monk Twp, Ont...	Mission.....				.....	.....
Morrison Twp, Ont.	.....				.....	.....
Thorne Centre, Que.	St. John's.....	G. de Zocher.....	200	14	Brick.	2,000
Lyndoch, Ont.....	Christ.....	M. Voss	75		Several Church Buildings.	.....
Sebastopol, Ont....	St. John's...					.....
Barry's Bay, Ont...	.....					.....
Whitney, Ont.....	St. Peter's...					.....
Maynooth, Ont....	.....					.....
Bancroft's, Ont....	Christ.....					.....
Unionville, Ont....	English.....	F. Burch	58	107	Frame	1,000
Buttonville, Ont...	English.....				Frame	1,000
Conestoga.....	St. Matthew's..	H. Walbaum.....	200	160	Brick.	3,000
Bridgeport, Ont....	St. Paul's	....			Brick.	1,500

VII. CHICAGO SYNOD.

Chicago, Ill	St. Peter's.....	H. B. Reed	45	215	Brick	$ 5,000
Chicago, Ill	Maplewood...	H. B. Reed	....	36	.....	.....
Chicago, Ill	St. James'.....	Prof. W. H. Frederick.	12	109	.....	.....
Crisman, Ind.....	Hope.....	.....	49	50	Frame	750
Portland, Ind	Zion's.....	C. L. V. Dozer.....	35	40	Frame	2,500
Alexandria, Ind...	Mission.....	C. L. V. Dozer.....	25	25	.....	.....
La Fayette, Ind.(1).	Mission.....	A. J. Reichert.....	25	51	.....	.....

(1) By Mulberry Parish, Ind.

VIII. ENGLISH SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

Goodhue, Minn (1).	St. Luke's.....	M. E. Boulton	40	67	Frame	$ 2,500
La Crosse, Wis. (1) .	Trinity..... .	E. A. Trabert.....	22	74	.....	.....
Racine, Wis.....	Holy Communion.....	Supplied by Chicago Theol. Seminary....	43	100	.....	.....

(1) Transferred to General Council.

SUMMARY OF SYNODICAL MISSIONS FOR 1897-1899.

(From Reports Furnished Mainly by the Mission Authorities of the Respective Synods.)

1.	Ministerium of Pennsylvania (German and English)	96
2.	Ministerium of New York (German and English)	21
3.	Pittsburgh Synod (English)	40
4.	District Synod of Ohio (English)	9
5.	Augustana Synod (Swedish)	304
6.	Canada Synod (German and English)	24
7.	Chicago Synod (English)	7
8.	English Synod of the Northwest	3
	Total Synodical Missions	504
	" English General Council Missions	20
	" German " " "	*55
	Total General Council Missions less 2 counted twice	73
	Grand Total of Missions within the General Council	**577**

*The Manitoba Synod comprises 10 pastoral charges, as reckoned in the following table, but 53 distinct missionary points, as included in this: hence the difference in the totals.

MISSIONS ACCORDING TO STATES AND TERRITORIES.

(+General Council Missions are added.)

Alabama	2	Minnesota	20+4
Alberta	1+4	Missouri	6
Assiniboia	4+3	Montana	6+3
Athabasca	1	Nebraska	23
California	3	New Hampshire	1
Colorado	12	New Jersey	29+2
Connecticut	7	New York	40
Delaware	1	North Dakota	6+1
District of Columbia	1	Ontario	24
Florida	2	Ohio	14+1
Idaho	3	Oregon	3+2
Illinois	26+2	Pennsylvania	133
Indiana	9+1	Quebec	1
Iowa	12	South Dakota	12
Kansas	10	Texas	12
Kentucky	+1	Utah	6+3
Maine	2	Vermont	1
Manitoba	4+3	Washington	2+2
Maryland	1	West Virginia	3
Massachusetts	9+1	Wisconsin	30+2
Michigan	22		
Total			**534**

Charter of the Board of Publication of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas Number 3, for the County of Philadelphia:

In compliance with the requirements of the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled: "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the 29th day of April, 1874, and the supplements thereto, the undersigned, all of whom are citizens of Pennsylvania, having associated themselves together for the purpose hereinafter set forth, and desiring that they may be incorporated according to law, do hereby certify:

First — The name of the proposed corporation is the "**Board of Publication of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.**"

Second — Said corporation is formed for the purpose of printing and publishing religious books, papers, and periodicals in connection with the charitable, educational, and missionary undertakings of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Third — The business of said corporation is to be transacted in the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania.

Fourth — Said corporation is to exist perpetually.

Fifth — The names and residences of the members of said Board of Publication are:

President—Rev. William Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D., 137 West School Lane.

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Sixth — The number of Directors of the said Board is fixed at Ten, and the names and residences of those who are chosen to act for the first year, are: Rev. William Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D., 137 West School Lane; Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, 2126 North Hancock street; Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph. D., 1042 Drexel Building; Rev. Hugo Grahn, D.D., 1233 North Twenty-ninth street; Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., 6671 Germantown avenue; Rev. E. R. Cassaday, 1605 South Broad street; Rev. J. L. Sibole, 1724 Marshall street; Mr. Charles B. Opp, 1510 North Sixth street; Mr. James N. Mohr, 138 North Eighteenth street, and Mr.

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Seventh — The said corporation has no capital stock, and is not formed for the purpose of profit or division of profits among any or all of the members of said corporation.

All of the gains and profits of the business of the said corporation are to be used for the benefit of the charitable, educational, and missionary undertakings of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, as it may designate, which organization elects, by ballot, the persons who are to serve as members of said Board, and by which organization the present members of the said Board were so duly elected at the Convention of the said General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, held at Erie, Pennsylvania, October 14th to October 19th, 1897, and who will continue as members of the said Board until their successors are duly elected by the said General Council as aforesaid.

Witness our hands and seals this Thirteenth day of December, Anno Domini, Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-seven (1897).

WM. ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER. (L. S.)
F. W. WEISKOTTEN. (L. S.)
SAML. P. SADTLER. (L. S.)
S. A. ZIEGENFUSS. (L. S.)
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JAMES G. FINLEY. (L. S.)

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. } ss.

Before me the Subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the City and County aforesaid, personally appeared William Ashmead Schaeffer, F. W. Weiskotten and Samuel P. Sadtler, three of the subscribers to the above and foregoing certificate of incorporation, and in due form of law acknowledged the same to be their and each of their act and deed.

Witness my hand and Notarial seal this 13th day of December, 1897.

(Seal.) WM. A. RAFFERTY,
Notary Public.

Filed in the Office of the Prothonotary of the Courts of Common Pleas of the County of Philadelphia this seventeenth day of December, 1897.

C. B. ROBERTS, (Seal.)
Dep. Prothy.

Decree.

In the Court of Common Pleas No. 3 of Philadelphia County. Of December Term, 1897, No. 540.

In the matter of the incorporation of the "Board of Publication of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America."

And now, this 22d day of January, A. D. 1897, the above certificate having been on file in the Office of the Prothonotary of said Court since the Seventeenth

day of December, 1897, the day on which publication of notice of intended application was first made, as appears from entry thereon, and due proof of said publication having been therewith presented to me,

I do hereby certify that I have perused and examined the said instrument, and find the same to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class of corporations specified in Section 2 of the Act of April 29th, 1874, and that the said purposes are lawful and not injurious to the community.

It is therefore ORDERED and DECREED that said Charter be approved, and it is hereby approved, and, upon the recording of said Charter and its endorsements, and this order, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for said County, which is now hereby ordered, the subscribers thereto, and their associates shall thenceforth be a corporation for the purposes and upon the terms and under the name of the "Board of Publication of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America," as therein stated.

(Seal.) JAMES GUY GORDON.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for the City and County of Philadelphia, in Charter Book No. 23, Page 412, etc.

Witness my hand and official seal this 26th day of January, 1898.

W. M. GEARY, (Seal.)
Recorder of Deeds.

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THE REPORT

OF THE

Board of Foreign Missions.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Mr. President and Brethren:

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake."

With this language of the Psalmist in our hearts and on our lips we present this our Report of what has been undertaken and accomplished in our foreign field during the past two years.

That there is cause to ascribe glory to God none will deny. True there have been days of darkness and of sorrow, but there has also been rejoicing in heaven because of the souls that have been brought out of darkness into the marvellous light of the truth by the power and influence of the Holy Spirit working through the ministry and ministrations of our Missionaries, Zenana Sisters and native Christian co-workers.

Thanks therefore be unto God that we as your representatives and His servants have been permitted to continue the work of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, and are now privileged to report that the work done has not been in vain.

In this sentiment let all our Pastors and congregations unite with us, and let this thanksgiving show itself in renewed interest and consecration of ourselves and all we have to Him who hath imposed upon us the duty of preaching the Gospel to every creature.

Of two things the Board is deeply sensible: *First*, that it is a servant of the Most High God, sent forth to do a most important work, and *second*, that it is your agent in extending the kingdom of Christ. That it has endeavored to be faithful in the discharge of its duties, act-

ing conscientiously and with deliberation, and in all things aiming to promote the glory of God and to save souls alive is the claim the Board puts forth with all modesty and yet with earnestness.

THE BOARD.

At your last meeting, Erie, 1897, you were pleased to order that the Board should henceforth consist of sixteen men, and subsequently that number were elected to serve for the ensuing two years.

Mr. Henry S. Cassel, however, when informed of his election, declined to serve, and the Rev. E. H. Pohle, who had for some time performed the duties of German Secretary, shortly after felt constrained to resign as a member of the Board. He assigned as his reason for so doing, the state of his health and the increasing work of his parish.

As there then existed two vacancies in the Board, so early in the two years it was expected to serve, it was thought desirable to fill them by the appointment of other good and intelligent members of the Church. The Board in January, 1898, elected the Rev. Aug. Fischer, Pastor of St. Michael's German Church, Phila., for the unexpired term of the Rev. E. H. Pohle, and on January 24, 1898, Mr. M. L. Heist, of the Church of the Advent, Phila., was elected to fill the place declined by Mr. Henry S. Cassel.

Since its appointment the Board has held thirty-five meetings at all of which, almost without exception, there has been a large attendance of the members, so that the business was not delayed because of the want of a quorum, but on the other hand was attended to with all the promptness and despatch that circumstances allowed. It is worthy of remark that the laymen have been especially attentive and active in the transaction of the business brought before us. The organization of the Board was effected by the election of

The Rev. Hugo Grahn, D.D., *President.*
" " J. Luther Sibole, *English Secretary.*
Mr. Conrad Itter, *German Secretary.*
The Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D., *Corresponding Sec'y.*
William H. Staake, Esq., *Treasurer.*

At your last meeting you were pleased to recommend by Resolution "the Foreign Mission work to the attention of the several Synods, and request the Presidents of these Synods to urge upon their Synods the necessity of doing more for Foreign Missions." (Minutes of G. C., 1897, page 37.)

How far this resolution has been carried out we are unable to state, but we are of the opinion that the regular and formal presentation of this subject to the regularly organized advisory and governing Bodies of the Church by those in official position can not be followed by other than

favorable results. The subject is thus brought anew to the minds of the people, and the work itself becomes the work of all and not of a few only. We therefore ask that you take similar action, strong and pointed, at this meeting of the General Council.

At Erie, in 1897, you also adopted the following:

Resolved, That in view of the demands of the Foreign Mission Work in India, the General Council determine to raise $50,000 a year for the next two years.

2. That the District Synods be solemnly urged by the General Council to impress upon their pastors the absolute necessity of such a voluntary offering for this cause as will in the aggregate make up this amount, and that the Presidents of the Synods be instructed to lay this matter before their respective Synods.

3. That in the estimation of the General Council, the Foreign Mission Board should require that the entire time of one or more persons be devoted to further the interests of this cause among the congregations. (See Min. p. 42).

Have our pastors and people entered into the spirit of the first two resolutions just given, and endeavored to give them a substantial realization? For an answer to this question we simply refer to the report of the Treasurer of the Board. Whatever excuses or explanations may be offered for a failure to fulfill our highest hopes can easily be supplied by others and need not be furnished by the Board.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

In accordance with the third resolution, the Board conferred with the Rev. J. Telleen, and as the result Mr. Telleen severed his connection with the Church of the Messiah, Chicago, Ill. On June 1, 1898, he resumed his former position in connection with the Board, and since that date has been giving his whole time to the cause of Foreign Missions.

Mr. Telleen when about to leave the congregation in Chicago asked that his appointment as Superintendent of Foreign Missions be made for life. This request the Board declined to grant, but agreed that six months' notice of a desire or intention to dissolve the connection should be given before either party could effect such dissolution. (See minutes of Board, March, 1898).

The Superintendent has also asked that he be sent to India on a tour of inspection. He claims that his work here would be much more effective if he could see the field and then come back and speak to the congregations as one who has been on the ground.

While the Board acknowledges that an official visit to the field might be of service, it is at the same time of the opinion that Mr. Telleen can be of infinitely more service to the cause by remaining here

and continuing the work as he has been doing so earnestly and faithfully in the past.

Keep the subject before the people is the idea of the Board as well as of the General Council, and this can only be done by having a man constantly employed, as Mr. Telleen is at present, in visiting Synods, Conferences, Missionary Conventions, Luther Leagues, Congregations and individuals in the interest of our work.

The activity and intelligent zeal of our Superintendent, who has headquarters both at Rock Island and Chicago, Ill., all who know him will readily believe, have been put to good service in the effort to increase the interest of the Church in the work of bringing the heathen to the knowledge of Christ Jesus.

In his report of May 16, 1899, the Superintendent says: "In my travels I give out my mission circulars, and they bear fruit. Sunday, April 23, I preached three sermons and addressed three Sunday-schools. Last Sunday I made five presentations of the cause, yesterday two and to-day two—on an average one a day except Saturday. Sunday-a-week I was at three country churches, traveling many miles."

Many more quotations of a like character might be given from Superintendent Telleen's report, but let this suffice to show that he is faithfully using his energies in trying to develop the interest of the Church at home in the work of the Church abroad. The seed he is sowing will grow, and if our pastors do their part in cultivating the ground, an abundance of fruit is sure to be gathered to the glory of God and the welfare of mankind.

THE MISSIONARIES.

At the time of our last Report our working force consisted of the following:

The Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D. D., and wife.
" " C. F. Kuder and wife.
" " F. J. McCready and wife.
" " Rudolph Arps and wife.
" " H. E. Isaacson and wife.
" " E. H. Mueller and wife.
" " Peter Holler and wife.
Miss Kate S. Sadtler.
" Agnes I. Schade.
" Charlotte Swenson.
The Rev. T. Joseph, Native Pastor.

Since that time, however, there have been a number of changes.

Application having been made to the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania for authority to ordain J. William, a native, to the

office of the Gospel Ministry, such permission was duly given, and he was ordained by the Revs. H. C. Schmidt, D. D., H. E. Isaacson, P. Holler and E. Pohl on January 8, 1899. The Rev. J. William is the only new ordained missionary on the field during the past two years.

An important point is raised by the mention of this case.

When it was thought proper to have J. William ordained, the Board, following a precedent of long standing, applied to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania for authority to administer this rite. The Ministerium was not in session at the time, but its President, after careful consideration of the case, granted the desired authority, and the Ministerium at its subsequent meeting approved of his action. Since then, however, that Body has decided that such applications can not be granted, but that they must come regularly before the Ministerium at a regular meeting, and then and there be acted upon just as is done in the case of other applicants.

As another native has asked for ordination, and the Board is expecting at any time to hear the report of a committee appointed to consider his case, it would seem desirable for the General Council to instruct the Board as to the course it shall pursue in case the committee's report is favorable. Shall it wait until June, 1900, when the Ministerium of Pennsylvania will meet, and then apply for authority to ordain? Or is there any other way by which ordination may be conferred at an earlier date? And in general how shall the Board proceed when a native Christian is to be ordained to the Pastoral Office?

DEATH OF THE REV. T. JOSEPH.

Under date of March 28, 1899, the Rev. Dr. Schmidt wrote as follows:

RAJAHMUNDRY, March 28, 1899.

Dear Bro. Schaeffer:

Rev. T. Joseph fell asleep in Jesus on Sunday, the 26th of March. He had preached the Sunday before, and on Friday we returned from a mission tour and found him sick with fever. He was very weak, but nobody considered him dangerously ill. Once he said to his wife, that the Lord perhaps might call him home, and when she then asked: "Why do you think so?" he answered: "May be there is a vacancy in Paradise." On Sunday morning he seemed better, and sat in the veranda and smoked a cigar. After service he put on his coat and expected me to come, but I had some other engagement. The organist came, however, and he asked him about my sermon and spoke a good deal. He also took something to eat. But soon after noon he became very weak, and at one o'clock they sent for me. Mr. Holler, living close by, came at once and prayed over him, seeing him pass quietly away. When I came he was lying in the slumber of death so peacefully as if death's ice-cold hand had not touched him. So he remained, and every one who saw him said: "Just as if he were sleeping."

When twenty years ago he and Paulus were ordained to the ministry, Bro. Poulsen had just returned from the South, where he had gone to recover his health, and I had just got up from a severe illness and was barely able to con-

duct the service. We were glad that we now had two Native Pastors who could continue the work in case the two lonely missionaries, in feeble health and without any hope that assistance would come from America, should be called away. Poulsen has gone and many after him, and I never expected that I would remain and lay them in their final resting-place. But I am glad that I had the privilege of seeing their faithful work for the Lord to the end. Oh that we had more such Native Pastors! Our work has grown to such an extent that it is impossible for the few ordained men in the field to administer Word and Sacraments properly to all Christians. And when we then see that so many missionaries leave on account of ill health and for other reasons, we cannot but pray that the vacancies caused by the death of these Native Ministers may be filled soon, and that we may get even more pastors to look after the growing congregations. If we needed two Native Pastors twenty years ago, how many more are needed now? Pastor Joseph wrote many years ago: "The Lord did show forth His secret thoughts about me and gave me permission to be His servant by the instrumentality of our Society. I implore our Society to join with me in prayer and thanksgiving for all His goodness which the Lord bestowed upon me and my family. Let His name be praised in the heart of every sinner is the prayer of your obedient one in Christ."

At that time he believed that he was born in Guntur in the year 1839. But of late he came to the conclusion that it must have been in the year 1832. Probably it was between these two dates. He was baptized in Guntur by Rev. C. W. Groenning, 1852. Yours frat. H. C. Schmidt.

Though the Rev. T. Joseph's health had for some time been such that his work was greatly interfered with, still his ministry had been so blessed and his Christian example so helpful to his fellow-laborers and countrymen that we can not but mourn his departure from our field of labor in his own native land. But, as he has gone to the rest that remaineth to the people of God, we thank Him for the abiding faith he entertained in his Redeemer and for the grace and strength given him to lead many others to the Cross of Christ.

RESIGNATIONS.

At a meeting of the Board held January 16, 1899, the resignations of the Revs. C. F. Kuder, F. J. McCready and E. H. Mueller were formally presented, and at another meeting held two weeks later, January 30, 1899, they were duly accepted; those of the Revs. McCready and Mueller to take effect April 1, 1899, and that of the Rev. C. F. Kuder, January 1, 1900, unless he receives and accepts a call from a congregation before that time.

On November 1, 1898, the Rev. C. F. Kuder, with his family, left India and started on his return to this country. This action was rendered necessary, it was stated, by the condition of his health, and was hastened by the written opinion of A. J. O'Hara, Surgeon Major, Indian Medical Service, District Medical and Sanitary Officer. The physician's certificate is as follows:

September 26, 1898.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the Rev. C. F. Kuder and find him suffering from anaemia and debility, and that his constitution is in a

very unsatisfactory condition. I am of opinion, therefore, that he should leave the country before his health is entirely broken down.

In his present condition he can hardly overcome any severe attack of illness of any kind; and another hot weather in the country should be avoided.

(Signed) A J. O'HARA,
Surgeon Major, Indian Medical Service,
District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

It is just to Mr. Kuder to say that the remaining Missionaries and the Zenana Sisters approved of his determination to return to America.

Mr. Kuder is still in the employ of the Board, drawing half pay, and visiting congregations, conventions, etc., in the interest of the cause, for which he is allowed to make a charge for his own personal benefit.

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THE SCHOOLS.

THE BOYS' SEMINARY.—The departure of Mr. Kuder last October from India and the transfer of this department of our work to other hands have prevented our receiving such full and satisfactory reports as formerly came to hand after every meeting of Conference and Council.

The last regular Report was from Mr. Kuder and is dated April 25, 1898. After giving a full and detailed account of the work done in the Seminary during the preceding half year, Mr. Kuder says:

The work in School has been going on steadily since the opening day of the term. I lost two weeks on account of sickness. At Easter the school was closed from Holy Thursday until the following Tuesday morning, when it was again opened and all its activities resumed to continue in full operation until last Friday, April 22d, when the mercury stood at nearly a hundred. Since Easter there were only morning sessions.

Sunday-School has also been conducted, though not quite every Sunday. Much time has been devoted to the teaching of singing. Our congregation and Sunday-School are able to sing many psalms set to simple but beautiful music. Four new translations of standard hymns, "Come, my soul thy suit prepare," "Jesus, thy blood and righteousness," "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide," and "Herzliebster Jesu! was hast du verbrocher," have been made by Gabriel, and the children have learned to sing them.

The printing of the first part of Loehe's Explanation of the Catechism has been completed. It contains fifty-four pages. The printing of the IV and V parts will soon be begun. The book is proving useful. I hope to complete the whole during the course of the year.

The railway has run through between the Church and School compounds, and cut off a corner of each. For the land walls and building acquired by Government for this purpose, I received Rs. 2692 9 0. Of this I paid Rs. 2003 9 0 to Dr. Schmidt, as by resolution of Council last November; the rest of the money remained with me, Rs. 500, of which I am to use for a new boarding house. Until now I have not been able to make satisfactory arrangements for a site, but am making progress.

When Mr. Kuder was about to leave Rajahmundry the Seminary was placed under the care of the Rev. F. J. McCready. This, however, was not according to the wishes of the Board, and under date of Decem-

ber 8, 1898, the following was communicated to the Rev. Mr. McCready who was then acting as President of the Missionary Council :

"*Resolved*, That this Board hereby appoints the Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D. D., Superintendent *pro tem.* of the Seminary in India, and authorizes him to call the Rev. Mr. Holler as his assistant, if he finds assistance necessary."

This arrangement still continues. The importance of this Seminary in our work cannot be overestimated. Here, not only are boys from the several districts taught the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, but young men are prepared to become teachers, catechists and evangelists, and from this school must come our future native Pastors.

The Principal or Superintendent of the Seminary has so great a work in hand that it requires his whole time. It is not to look after a district, but to prepare those who will hereafter go into the districts to teach the children and to preach the Gospel to all who will hear.

That it is desirable to have one in that position who is a trained and experienced educator must be apparent to all. A young man who has never taught a school or class, who has just come from the Seminary where no special training was given for mission work or mission schools is hardly qualified for the position of Superintendent of the Seminary. There may have been a time in the history of our Mission when any one could take charge of one or all of the schools of the several districts, but we want to impress upon the minds of all the fact that at this present time, in the natural progress and development of the work, we must have skilled, trained, Christian educators for the proper carrying on of the work of the schools. Such a person the Board has endeavored to secure, but so far their efforts have not been successful. We hope, however, that the Lord will direct us to the man who will accept our call and go out to take up the work Mr. Kuder has relinquished.

The Girls' School, under the care of Miss Schade, presents an interesting history. When it was separated from the Boys' Seminary a house was secured for its use, but it soon became apparent that a new, more commodious and better arranged building was an absolute necessity. On November 5, 1897, the Missionary Council passed the following resolutions:

1. That we proceed to consider the matter of buildings for the Girls' Boarding School.

2. That the following buildings be erected: (*a*) Bungalow for Zenana Sisters; (*b*) Dormitory for the Girls; (*c*) School Building.

Miss Schade had very generously offered to pay for the erection of a school building, while the treasury of the Mission was to furnish the cost of a dormitory. Both these buildings have been erected, the latter at a cost of 8100 rupees and the former as a gift to the Mission from Miss Schade.

In this connection it is right to mention that our Zenana Sisters and Missionaries are not slow in contributing from their own funds toward the carrying on the work in hand. Their names appear among those who support scholars in the schools, and their contributions are given to the poor, the sick and the repairing or erecting of houses. Thus they deny themselves in various ways and furnish the Church at home a lesson in Christian love and giving that it is to be hoped will be profitable to many of our congregations. To all, but especially to Miss Schade, we tender our most sincere thanks and grateful appreciation.

The Rev. Mr. McCready, writing under date of November 2, 1898, says: "I am happy to report that Miss Schade and her girls moved into their new home on the 31st ultimo. A short service was held on the occasion, in which some of the Missionary family and members of our congregations participated."

As Miss Schade refers to this event in her last semi-annual report, it seems proper to insert it at this place. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Rajahmundry, May 2, 1899.

Perhaps the most important as well as the most interesting event occurring during the half year under Report, was our removal to the new dormitory building which we accomplished during the first days of the same. All arrangements having been previously made, we started out in procession 75 strong, each child taking her belongings with her. In two hours we were quite settled and ready for dedication service. The Missionaries present in the station and many of the Native Christians attended the service. First we assembled on the West veranda, and the blessing of God was invoked upon the children as they should occupy the rooms both by day and by night. We next proceeded to the prayer room, where an interesting little service was held. A few short addresses were made, and then one of the girls, after rehearsing some of the difficulties encountered during the time of building, in behalf of all the girls thanked Rev. McCready for his great interest in the school and his untiring labors in erecting this building for them, and promised him a photo. of the same as soon as it could be procured. We next went to the well, the kitchen, the work room and the hospital or sick room, and in every place appropriate prayers were offered. Finally we reached the rooms of the Zenana Sister to be in charge, and there a very fervent prayer was offered for her who was to teach and guide all those who for a period of time would find their home within those walls. May I be found faithful in the great charge committed to me. After a prayer at the gate way, this simple and pleasing service was brought to a close with the Lord's Prayer, the doxology and benediction.

No changes of any kind were made. The classes were distributed in the unoccupied rooms, and the school work proceeded as usual. We were most happy in our new quarters; the plans and arrangements of the building promised to answer our purpose well. Throughout the two months before Christmas every child enjoyed perfect health, and we felt satisfied that our site was a healthy one. The well furnishes abundant good water.

After the usual Christmas vacation, part of which I spent in our other Mission stations, school was reopened on January 11th. Owing to a change in Government proceedings, our annual examinations were permanently fixed for the month of December; hence it was thought best to change the time of admitting new boarders back to January. Twenty-six were admitted. Some of the larger

girls quitted school and some younger ones, especially of the Rampa District, did not return. During the Spring session measles broke out in the school, and we also had several cases of pneumonia, one of which was very serious. We feared we should lose the child, but she was finally restored to health. For nearly two months we were nursing the sick, but very thankful that all were permitted to recover.

The school at the close of the session on the last of April numbered 87 boarders, 21 of whom are assigned to scholarships supported by friends at home, and 33 day pupils, 13 of whom are heathen girls, or in all 120 girls. I am glad to see that gradually more and more are beginning to realize the benefits that this school offers to their daughters and are becoming more anxious to send them. The annual Government examinations which were held in December, were, with comparatively few exceptions, creditably passed. I have been promised one of our higher grade teachers, which I trust will add considerably to the efficiency of my teaching staff, and allow me a little more time for the general supervision of the school.

I am happy to be able to report that the new school building is also almost completed. Nothing serious interfering, it will be completed during this month, and we will be able to reopen school in it in June. It will be a great joy for us, for during the past four years we have done all our school work in the girls' sleeping rooms. These two new buildings are nice additions to our Mission's buildings, and will, judging from the growth of the Mission in the past, answer all needs for the education of our Christian girls for a good many years to come. Considering the present conditions of the native Church, it seems quite right that Missions should erect or at least help to a large extent in erecting Church and school buildings. But once erected, I think it should be the duty of the Christians to keep them in repair. They will make little effort to do so unless taught so to do, for, from the very beginning they have been accustomed only to receive. The District Missionaries have their school funds, and are working on the lines of self-support. I am in hopes that the repairs and up-keep of these two new buildings will never cost the Mission anything, but that they will be kept in good condition as well as also some of the other necessary expenses be defrayed by means of the Girls' Boarding School school-fund.

The regular daily work in the school, both religious and secular, the Sunday lessons, the work in the two Mission Bands and all else in connection with the school has made steady progress but offers little specially new and striking to report. In this respect school work differs much from the district work with its ever changing scenes and circumstances. However, as the success of school work depends so much upon, and is largely judged by the constant and steady progress made, I feel satisfied to be able to report such of this school.

AGNES I. SCHADE.

Of the buildings Miss Schade speaks in the following letter:

RAJAHMUNDRY, July 23, 1899.

Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, D. D., Cor. Sec'y G. C. Board Foreign Missions.

DEAR SIR:—Some little time ago I had the two new buildings and the school photographed and have kept copies of them for the Board. I have been waiting and waiting so as to be able to send the financial statement with them, but one thing and another has interfered and I have not yet been able to do so. Although we have occupied the dormitory, it required still a little finishing which was gradually done as time permitted. The well was not finished until the end of the hot season. As the two buildings were put up at the same time, we tried to have the accounts for both made out at the same time. I expected Rev. McCready to have them ready every week, so I kept waiting for them. He went to Madras rather suddenly and expected to be back in less than a week. There he found his brother very ill and accompanied him to the hills and may not be back for a fortnight or so. This is another delay so I concluded to send the

photos without the statement, and will forward it later as soon as I can get it. I sent copies to the editors of the Mission papers and will send to the *Lutheran* and *Augustana* as I want *all* the friends of this school to see what has been accomplished for it during the past year and a half.

In January, 1898, this site was a forest of palmyra and date trees. The last of that month we began clearing the site and digging the well. Early in March the foundations for the dormitory were dug and we occupied it on the last of October of the same year, scarcely eight months.

Work on the school building was begun in June, 1898. The Government's sanction was not obtained sooner. This work was not quite so quickly completed. One reason was that the rains interfered, the ground being low the tank gave us some trouble. We have been obliged to do a good deal of filling up and still more must be done. However, with all the interruptions we were able to occupy the building on the 18th of June, 1899. We had an interesting little opening exercise on the 18th.

I have previously stated the difficulty in getting the plan and estimate for the dormitory. In the case of the school the delay was still greater because of having to pass through the hands of Government. Once sanctioned by Government no changes could be made, and inasmuch as there was much delay in getting them I concluded to wait and send plan, estimate and photo all at once, which I am doing with this mail. The plan was scrutinized and adopted by the Building Committee and the grounds were also examined by them. The location of the *two* buildings was determined by the Missionary Council so I have taken no further personal responsibility than to see that the work was done according to the sanctioned plan and that no mission money was used for it. The estimate for this building was 5700 rupees. Of this amount Government has promised one-third, or 1900 rupees. The Superintending Engineer examined the building and expressed himself as being pleased with it. He said, "I could never have built it for that." He promised to grant the completion certificate upon which Government shall pay the money, either in installments or lump sum, just as convenient to them.

It was this sum of 1900 rupees I once asked the Board kindly to forward until the Government grant could be received. I feel rather sorry for having made the request, for it was likely not pleasing to the Board, for I never received a reply either agreeing or refusing. I do not know how soon Government will pay the grant but Mrs. Taylor has kindly let me have the amount at seven per cent. until they do pay it.

I take pleasure in handing over this completed building to the Board and earnestly hope and pray that it may prove a great blessing to many girls of this and future generations. With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

AGNES I. SCHADE.

It is proper in this connection to speak of the frequent acts of kindness shown our Mission by Mrs. —— Taylor, Rajahmundry. Miss Schade, writing on November 8, 1898, after speaking of the new dormitory, which she and her girls were then occupying, says: "In spite of all hurry and urging, it took several months longer to build than I had expected. For the last four months we were in the former building. Mrs. Taylor, the owner, would not receive any house-rent whatever. She has thus at various times shown kindness to the Mission by allowing missionaries to occupy her bungalow free of rent. In the cases of the Revs. Mr. Dietrich, Dr. Edman and Mr. Kuder she did so. Inasmuch as they were occupying part of the building after Miss Swenson removed to the Zenana Home with Miss Sadtler, I urged them

to take at least half of the rent, but both Mrs. Taylor and Rev. Mr. McCready preferred not to do so."

On March 6, 1899, the Board directed that an expression of its gratitude for kindness shown the Mission by her should be sent to Mrs. Taylor, Rajahmundry, by the Corresponding Secretary.

CASTE GIRLS' SCHOOL.—This School is still under the efficient care and instruction of Miss Sadtler. There appears to be great difficulty in securing the proper teachers. Sixty-three girls were in attendance at the time of presenting the last report. No grant was received from the Government during the past year. Miss Sadtler reports her Sunday-school as large. She is also doing Zenana work.

We herewith submit her last report:

RAJAHMUNDRY, April 20, 1899.

Since writing my last report, I have few changes to note in the Caste Girls' School. I applied to Government to have the school recognized as Upper Primary, but was refused, as Esther, the Head Mistress, had not passed the Lower Secondary examination. She again appeared for the examination in December. I have just now heard the result, as published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, that she failed

Several of the Fourth Class girls have been attending school, and been taught in part their regular lessons, sometimes reciting with the Third Class girls, but with the understanding that I cannot send them up for examination.

In February I received notification that my school could not be recognized, as even Lower Primary, as the teachers had not passed the required examination. Soon after that, however, H. Ratnamma appeared for the "Practical Test," and since it has been known that she passed the Sub-Assistant Inspector seems satisfied my school will be again recognized. In March I received a very good grant for my last year's examination.

The Christmas Festival was held on December 27th—it had been delayed on account of my being sick—and was greatly enjoyed by the children.

During this month, as it is very hot, and the children complain of the hot earth burning their feet in the afternoon, I have allowed them to have one session a day, from 7 to 11 A. M. The children seem very happy, study their lessons, and consider the kindergarten, drill and action songs taught as recreation. The Sunday-School they attend willingly, and are interested in the Bible lesson and hymns sung. I continue to form Zenana classes of former scholars now grown, and find them among the most interested pupils. They still remember enough of the Bible instruction received in school to make them eager to learn more, and are greatly rejoiced if I present them with a hymn book. They are very fond of singing these lyrics. I am then unfortunately expected to be able to teach any they ask for, while I do not know all myself. I have in addition to these classes found new homes opened. I have been called to teach the daughter of the Mohammedan Tahsildar. He has taught his daughter some English, and although I do not understand Hindustani, through the use of Telugu and English, understood by the young woman, I can teach the Bible. I have even taught her hymns. I read them to her in Telugu, she writes according to the sound in Hindustani, afterwards she accompanies me in the singing.

In the morning I look after my school, in the afternoon I teach in the Zenanas. This work seems to call especially for strong faith, we cannot often see the final result, but must be content to leave it to God, who has promised the increase, if we faithfully sow the seed.

KATE S. SADTLER.

Miss Swenson has been assisting Miss Schade in the school, and at the same time doing Zenana work in Rajahmundry and Dowlaishwaram. From a report submitted by her we present the following:

RAJAHMUNDRY, October, 1898.

Reports too often rob the work of both its lights and its shadows, or on the other hand, are apt to show spots of light and darkness and leave out the real. Could I give a report of the Zenanas as I see them from day to day, my report would be both long and interesting. But if I shall only point out changes and results, I have little or nothing to say.

After last Council meeting I did no regular work until after June 6th. Since then I have worked on without a break or disturbance. Two or three families have moved away, and two others have asked me to discontinue my teaching in their homes. A number of new homes have opened, so that the number of homes on the roll at present is 53, though I seldom visit more than 40 or 42 during each week. These are about all the outward changes that have taken place. Some small changes in the homes might be mentioned: A few of the individual members have lost interest and dropped off, but on the whole they have shown a growing interest. I have, for instance, during the last half year, had no interruptions by heathen holidays. Though in most cases they still continue to celebrate them they never, when they are at home, refuse to have the Bible lesson, and on a few such days I have had opportunity to speak to a large number of women who have gathered in some home for the feast. Another encouragement, though still small, is that I have found a few women able to interest their husbands in the Bible. A few days ago I met a man at his home who told me that his wife had often spoken to him of what she had learned from the Bible, and that she had a short time ago asked him if he would give his consent for her to become a Christian. He said that he told her that she could believe what she liked so long as she stayed in her caste, but she told him that would be impossible. Of course the very fact that she dared to ask him shows that the relation between that husband and wife was different from what it is in most homes. Still I have great hopes that, however indirectly, the influence for good may be felt in their homes. Respectfully submitted, LOTTIE SWENSON.

For very obvious reasons the Board has as yet given no consideration to the work proposed by Miss Swenson, that is, among the high caste men. But when the places now vacant are filled and the machinery is again in proper working order, we have no doubt it will receive all needed attention.

EXTRACTS FROM DR. SCHMIDT'S REPORTS.

The following extracts are from the reports of the Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D. D.:

The Bhimawaram Taluk seems to be the most promising field, and the care of the Christians alone would require the whole strength of several pastors. For some time past the increase to the Church from these parts has been considerable. But with the increase of membership, the increase of spiritual life does not follow. Though baptized they are not at once freed from heathen customs and superstition. For some years cases have happened when Christians were married by heathen priests and the offenders refused to listen to advice. It was necessary to put a stop to this, and four cases were this year brought before the courts and the offenders were punished severely. This has had a good

effect, and careless Christians will be careful hereafter. But this is only one Hindu custom which must be done away with.

Congregations.—After Rev. Paulus' death the Christians have, to some extent, been without a shepherd. When then the rumor spread that I would have to leave, such unrest took hold of many that I feard the worst.

I had to take severe measures for the punishment of offenders against the Christian Marriage Act. The effect was very striking, but the magistrate said that in the future nobody would become Christian, if we wanted to be so strict. However his prediction proved to be groundless. Since it is known that the Board has ordered J. William's ordination, and they all see that we intend to uphold Church order, everybody seems to be most willing to submit. William presides at all congregational meetings and although the proceedings are submitted to me for final action, still I am glad to see the tact and sound judgment with which he conducts all such proceedings.

As no ministerial acts had been performed since Rev. Paulus' death, it was but natural that I, at the end of a year from his death, would have to baptize comparatively many. In four months I baptized 440 and administered the Lord's Supper to over a thousand. Among the baptized were over 100 children born to Christians during the last twelve months. That there was no falling off in the number of baptized seems to imply that the mission workers have worked as usual.

That the pastoral care is entirely insufficient, every one will admit, who knows that these Christians are spread over a large part of the country in about 100 different villages. It is not very satisfactory work to go day after day, sometimes long distances, along rice fields, to jump over the narrower gaps and be carried through the water when it is broader, or to balance over a palmyra trunk laid over a canal where the water is too deep, and then to begin the service, fatigued from the walk in the sun, and then to hurry through with the baptisms and a number of communicants. I naturally try to be back in camp by noon, but not seldom I come later and have nothing to eat or drink between seven in the morning and three or four in the afternoon.

When Rev. Paulus performed the pastoral acts, he was not so crowded for time. I will only mention Sunday the 20th of March, 1898:

In the morning in Gorlamudi, 21 baptized, 5 confirmed and 78 communed.
" " " Komarada, 19 " 2 " " 42 "
In the afternoon Anadodair, 11 " 38 " " 75 "

The mere physical work connected with it, is really too much for a man of of my age.

The Baptists are much wiser: they ordain a pastor for every ten villages and go away to the hills every year for a rest of several months.

Work in the Hill Country.—Our hills are very feverish and yet I have always taken special interest in the hill people. This year at the Conference several declared themselves willing to go and work there. Being promised a quarter additional salary, they expected to be able to manage. But several of them have suffered so much from fever that they could do very little work. I went up and visited the places along the river and found the people anxious for instruction. Rev. Joseph went inland, but on his return became very sick with fever and suffered for a long time. I fear it will be of little use to send men from the plains. I see no hope before we can get men from those parts educated for the work. Abraham, the evangelist of our Conference, works there according to his ability. He sows the seed in many places and prepares the way for more efficient workers. And now and then he brings a few to Rajahmundry for baptism. The work is not in vain.

My only catechist, the present Rev. J. William, has worked hard and satisfactorily. He has shown much sound judgment in his difficult position, when some made his ordination one of the stones of offence, and naturally a good many Christians beheld him with distrust. He has gained the respect of most of the Christians, and they love him the more for his activity and zeal for order in all matters pertaining to the Church. The offenders against the Christian Marriage Act and their friends are naturally not pleased with him, because he brought them to justice. They cannot forget the severe punishment inflicted upon them by government. But it serves as a warning example to others, and he has gained in respect among Christians and heathens. I believe that there is now only one opinion among the Missionaries and the Christians, that it would be well if we had a few more men of his ability and activity for our extensive work. We have every reason to be thankful that he has been ordained and his usefulness thereby extended.

I was always glad to have Rev. T. Joseph to assist me. He did the best he could in conducting the services in Rajahmundry during my absence on Mission tours and in visiting the surrounding villages. Two sermons on Sunday and one on Wednesday evening was pretty fair work for an aged and feeble native Minister. He came home very sick from Rampa, and was not expected to live. However, he recovered slowly, and we all hoped that he would be spared for some years more, when he suddenly succumbed this year on March 26th. He was never a strong and robust man, but old father Groenning valued him much for his sincere piety. Of late he was very feeble. He was entirely blind in one eye, and with the other he could only see a little through a very powerful glass. But his experience in Christian life and Mission work made him a valuable assistant. He would go from house to house and visit the Christians and advise them and pray with them, and they now miss his periodical visits very much.

Since Rev. Paulus died, and before Rev. William was ordained, I had to perform all Ministerial Acts myself. During the year of 1898, the number of baptisms was 812; and of communicants in the villages, 2200; and in Rajahmundry every quarter, 100 to 130.

I married 28 couples and buried 2 persons. In the villages the teachers conduct the burial and all other ordinary services.

THE SAMULCOTTA REPORT.

Samulcotta, 1899.

To the Board of Foreign Missions.

My Report includes the time from 1st November, 1898, to 1st May, 1899. In that time I have been 75 days on Mission tours. In November I was touring for 19 days together with Dr. and Mrs. Schmidt on their respective fields. It was very interesting for me to get an insight into the work carried on by Dr. Schmidt for the last 28 years. It is very profitable for a younger Missionary to learn from an older and experienced one how to deal with difficult problems on the Mission field. Having returned home in the beginning of December, I paid my teachers, and started out for my own field, and I remained in camp for 12 days, and then it was time to go home and prepare for the Christmas celebrations.

The Holidays being over, we went to Rajahmundry to attend our Annual Conference. That Conference was a very stormy one. I hope that there will be no necessity of attending a similar one in our Mission. On account of the Conference and the disturbances in connection therewith, not much touring was done in January. In February I was in the District with the whole family. We had a very pleasant time. In March I went to the Rampa Hills and saw the Christians there. It is always edifying to see the singleness of their character and simplicity of their faith.

These Rampa Hills are situated about 40 miles from Samulcotta. It is very feverish there, but the work is prospering. In April I visited Tallapudi and Tadapalligudiem in Dr. Schmidt's company. This is the external frame of the

work done within these 6 months, but inside of this frame we have teaching, preaching, instructing, praying, religious conversations, administrations of the Holy Sacraments, hopes and failures, joys and sorrows: that is the usual routine of our Mission work. Fourteen converts have been admitted into the Christian fold during the 6 months on this field. Great numbers are not as yet accepting the Gospel on this field, still the Lord's work is not in vain. We are hoping for still brighter days. It can be seen from the semi-annual statement that I am trying to cut down expenses as much as possible. Of course by money inducements there would be no difficulty in making converts in India, but I do not believe in that principle. Christ is the Rock of Salvation. We must build on Him.

When I wrote my last Report the state of the Mission was such that I thought that I would not write another Report while being in India.

I cannot refrain from expressing my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Board for its wise management in the most difficult affairs. Being on the field we could see through the difficulties, but for the members of the Board living in far off America it must have been exceedingly difficult to understand the whole affair.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Isaacson.

DOWLAISHWARAM.

The Rev. R. Arps is in charge of Dowlaishwaram. The last report received from him is herewith submitted:

Dowlaishwaram, Godaveri, April 1, 1899.

These pages will have to report my work of the last six months.

In the month of October we have been six days in boat in the district. On the last day I was called to a special Council meeting at Rajahmundry, which consulted about the necessity of Rev. Kuder's leaving the country. He left on the 1st of November and I was put in charge of the Seminary for eighteen days, and had thus a look into a work altogether different from the work I had been doing so far. I did it with very great pleasure, though, and I believe there was in those days some saving of expenses, some busy learning of the pupils, some cleanliness and strictness in the boarding houses as well as in the school.

On the 19th of November Mr. McCready took up the Seminary work and on the same day I left with my family on the boat Dowlaishwaram for work in the Dowlaishwaram district till Christmas. In this town it was that I changed my mind about great things you know were going on. Indeed, the carrying on of the mission work does not in the least depend upon men. How quick did so all too useful a man like Groenning, Jr. leave this field. The Lord sends His missionaries if He wants His work to be done, and if He does not want the missionaries He takes them away. He most graciously did not want to send me away, therefore He changed my mind at the right time. It is this a hard confession of mine. But I do not think it has ever been my desire to be obedient to the conclusions and consequences my mind made, than much rather to be even blindly obedient to the Lord's providence.

On the 20th of December we returned on our boat from the district to Dowlaishwaram, having collected new and nice series of valuable experiences. I have had to make several temporary changes with regard to my teachers, as six of them have been sent to the Government Session School, their places have had to be supplied. I was thankful to be enabled to employ two more teachers in places where they were very much needed and to open with them two schools. The condition of all my schools has been very satisfactory. I make it more and more a point and my duty to send primary boys only to our Seminary, and I have succeeded in this well the past half year.

The Christmas days were spent in receiving and giving peace. Before the old year 1898 was closed, the number of Christians in Dowlaishwaram town only had increased from 107 in December, 1897, to 127 *i. e.* 20 adults. I do not count in these the children. I should not know another but this one, namely to bring in every year a new crop of twenty souls into our Church. Considering that not the quantity but the quality only is the *conditio sine qua non*, I should think that twenty is a very nice number.

From the 5th of January, 1899, our usual Annual Conference took place at Rajahmundry.

On 11th of January I went to Rajahmundry on duty as member of the Telugu Examination Committee. The following nine days I staid at home busy with writing of applications to Government about school buildings, land, cultivation, land for Christians, land for burial ground near different villages, applications to school inspectors, inspecting school masters, assistant inspectors of schools, etc., one application for one dear Christian who fell insane and who was sent on account of my application through the Collector to the lunatic asylum at Waltair. I also succeeded to get for different Christians of mine, through application, permanent posts and employment in Government services and offices as peons or lascars or overseers, etc., etc. The record of official letters written in those nine days shows no smaller number than twenty one. I was very happy indeed not only when the writing had come to an end, but much more to see it having partly very good results.

On the 17th of January we left again in our boat for district work, not returning before the first of March. District work is certainly the only real Missionary work and is as such also most satisfactory, though I would prefer to have one Talug only. Both Talugs I have are divided by the Godavery and it is always a great botheration to cross the river, that has a breadth of six miles, and is at times even dangerous. I must therefore always finish one Talug before I go the other, and just when I have finished the second one, there is already again a lot of work in the first one.

The number of adults I have baptized in the last half year is 74. It would certainly not have been any difficulty for me to baptize instead of 74 say 740, but I do hope that the honorable Board is satisfied with my carefulness. I have had many a struggle of mind before baptism, but also many an anguish of mind after baptisms. I am Lutheran enough to believe that God's promises are neither based nor built on our faith, but considering the quantity of our Christians' home, where there are no heathen at all, but all are baptized Christians, you would not like me to bring in any amount of socialists and hypocrites, etc.

Certainly on the whole we still long also for deeper spiritual life and a more practical experience of our high privilege as children of God.

I beg to conclude this report with my fervent prayer that our Lord may shower on our dear Mission work His infinite blessings more and more abundantly.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Arps.

The Rev. P. Holler, who has been in India not quite two years, has not yet been assigned to a District. For some months he has been assisting Dr. Schmidt in the Seminary at Rajahmundry. We, therefore, have no special report to present from Mr. Holler. Nor can we report anything very definite from Tallapudi. Since April 1st last this District has been under the care and supervision of the Rev. Mr. Isaacson.

ANOTHER ZENANA SISTER.

On May 1, 1899, the Board resolved to extend a call to Miss Lydia Woerner, M. D., a graduate of the Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia, to become a Zenana Sister. The call has been accepted, and Dr. Woerner will soon leave for India. She is to be a Zenana Sister, but the understanding is that she is to use her medical skill and knowledge in such ways as circumstances and good judgment shall suggest to her as right and proper. The Board has not laid out any plan for the prosecution of medical work in a systematic way. It regrets that Dr. Edman was obliged to leave the field; it is happy in sending Dr. Woerner there, and it awaits the opinions and suggestions of persons trained in medicine and surgery, and the guidings of Providence.

TITLES TO PROPERTY.

In order to correct an impression that has, either intentionally or unintentionally, been created, it may be well to explain that, though we have houses and lands in India, neither the Board nor the General Council as such owns any property in that country. The laws will not allow either Body to hold any real estate. Consequently all our purchases in realty are made in the name of one or another of the missionaries, who hold the property in trust for the Board.

SUPPORT OF NATIVE WORKERS, ETC.

We desire to return our very hearty thanks to those Schools, Societies, individuals, etc., who have supported the Native Pastors and some of the Teachers and Scholars. It would be of great help if all the native workers could be thus supported. It would help our treasury and serve to increase the interest of the contributors in the work that is being done.

One hundred dollars a year will support a Native Pastor.

From thirty-five to sixty dollars a year will pay for a Native Teacher, Catechist or Evangelist.

Thirty dollars a year will maintain a scholarship in either the Seminary, the Girls' Boarding School or the High Caste Girls' School.

STATISTICS.

Number of Missionaries,	4
" of Missionaries' wives,	4
" of Zenana Sisters,	3
" of Native Pastors,	1
" of Evangelists,	2
" of Catechists,	2
" of Teachers, etc.,	133

Whole number of Mission Workers,	149
Number of Principal Stations,	7
" of Villages where Schools have been established,	120
" of Villages where the Gospel is preached,	205
" of Adults baptized—Eighteen months ending June 30, 1898,	350
" of Children baptized—Eighteen months ending June 30, 1898,	475
" Confirmed—Eighteen months ending June 30, 1898,	63
" of Communicants,	2415
Whole Number of Christians,	5343
Number of Children in the Schools,	2469

The statistical reports for the last year have been so unsatisfactory that it is impossible to give a summary that we could say is entirely correct. Some districts have not reported at all since last October, and others have not filled up all the blanks. We have, therefore, not undertaken to give any statistics at all for the time since June, 1898. We regret this, but believe that the figures above given will nevertheless prove interesting and instructive.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

It is to be regretted that the efforts of the Board to fill the vacancies now existing have so far proven fruitless. Our attention has been directed to men who when approached for one reason or another declined to enter the service of the Board. There have been others who have offered themselves, but who for good and sufficient reasons were not accepted. Three young men of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary and a medical student have expressed a desire to go to our field, and at least a couple of them are willing to go at once. But the Board is firmly convinced that in the case of theological students they should complete their course in the Seminary, and it certainly would be useless to send any one to practice medicine who had not first graduated in that science. Therefore we have declined these offers for the present.

The Board, however, asks, has not the time come when those who go to our foreign fields should have some special training for the work they will there be expected to perform? We prepare young men for our congregations and mission fields here. The work there is different. Why then should not those who undertake it also receive some special training?

With this thought in mind, the Board has appointed a committee consisting of the Rev. H. Grahn, D D., and the Rev. C. A. Blomgren, Ph. D., to confer with the Faculty of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary with the view of arranging a course of instruction that will be helpful to those who desire to become foreign missionaries.

CARE OF CHILDREN.

At your last meeting you adopted the following:

Resolved, 1. That the Foreign Mission Board be instructed to ascertain if arrangements can be made with any institution of the Lutheran Church which cares for children to take charge of and educate children of our foreign missionaries who have to be sent to this country.

2. In case such arrangements can be made, the Board be authorized to consummate them.

This subject received full consideration and attention, but we were not able to effect any such arrangement.

THE MISSION PAPERS, ETC.

The Missions-Bote and *The Foreign Missionary* are still published, and we believe are very necessary to our work. The Rev. F. W. Weiskotten is the editor of the former, and is assisted by the Rev. Dr. H. Grahn, and the Rev. E. E. Sibole, D. D., and the Rev. E. R. Cassaday are the editors of the latter. These brethren, in addition to attending the meetings of the Board and taking an active interest in all its transactions, give much time and thought to the papers they have been called upon to edit. They receive no compensation whatever, only the consciousness of doing what they can in a noble cause. It would seem proper that the thanks of the General Council should be formally given them for their very valuable services.

Of *The Missions-Bote* 13,500 copies are printed each month, and 7300 copies of *The Foreign Missionary*.

Only those who are closely identified with the cause can fully understand and appreciate the work done by our Treasurer, Wm. H. Staake, Esq., who receives no remuneration whatever for his services. The interest and carefulness shown by him in receiving and paying out money and the expense to which he is every year subjected entitle him to the heartiest thanks of the General Council. In this connection we present a summary of the Treasurer's Accounts.

The Foreign Mission Fund.

Balance,	$1,973 59
Receipts,	37,503 05
Total receipts,	$39,476 64
Expenditures,	36,865 96
Balance,	$2,610 68

The Missions-Bote.

Receipts,	$4,252 79
Expenditures,	2,522 69
Balance,	$1,730 10

The Foreign Missionary.

Receipts,	$1,817 32
Expenditures.	1,447 52
Balance,	$369 80

Summary.

The Foreign Mission Fund,	$2,610 68
The Missions-Bote,	1,730 10
The Foreign Missionary,	369 80
Total,	$4,710 58

Of this balance ($4,710.58) it should be stated that the sum of $2,000.00 is a donation from a friend who does not desire his name to be mentioned, and $500.00 is from the estate of the late Rev. B. W. Schmauk. The interest only of these amounts can be used for our work. To this unknown friend and to the family of the late Rev. Mr. Schmauk we desire to extend our most hearty thanks.

We are happy to say that the balance of the note still due at the time of your last meeting has been paid, and that we are entirely free from debt.

This should encourage us all. It should not be taken as an excuse for stopping or decreasing our contributions. With more money at our disposal more and more effective work could be done, better qualified teachers might be secured and the necessary buildings could be at once erected.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

The thanks of the Board and Council are due to the various Women's Missionary Societies scattered throughout the Church not only for the Christmas Boxes sent out regularly every Summer, but also for the general interest shown by them in our work. It is not necessary, and indeed it would be quite impossible, to speak of everything done by them in their readiness to assist in bringing the heathen to Christ, but it would seem eminently proper to state that it is through the zeal and liberality and devotion of the W. H. and F. M. Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania that we are able to send another Zenana Sister, a graduated physician, to the field, to assist in relieving the suffering and in pointing them to the Great Physician of souls.

CONVENTIONS.

In response to a formal invitation, the Revs. E. E. Sibole, D. D., and F. W. Weiskotten were appointed delegates to a convention of Foreign Mission Boards of Protestant Churches that was held in New York, January 11 and 12, 1899.

At this convention subjects of great importance in the carrying on

of the work were discussed by men of experience, and we trust that the result will be to the furtherance of the cause of Christ.

Arrangements are being made for the holding of an "Ecumenical Conference of Foreign Missions" in New York, April 21–May 1, 1900. The invitation to be represented by delegates has been accepted by the Board.

MISSION WORK IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

A year or more ago an invitation was received by the Board to send delegates to a convention to be held in New York to consider the question of sending missionaries to Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. The invitation, however, was not accepted, and we were not represented at that convention. After some time a communication was received from the Young People's Society of one of our churches offering a contribution if we would undertake work in Porto Rico. These two facts, just mentioned, and the reports, letters, etc., that appeared in religious and secular publications, led some of the Board to think that perhaps a field was opening up before us which we ought at once to enter. In the meantime the attention of some of our Philadelphia Seminary students was directed to this subject, and as a result two of the class of '99 offered their services for Porto Rico. For reasons which to them seemed good and sufficient, they declined to entertain a call to the India field, but were anxious to go to Porto Rico to preach the Gospel in that part of the world.

This brought the subject before the Board in such a way that it was obliged to give it consideration. At the regular meetings it was freely discussed, and more than once we met in special session, when efforts were made to come to some conclusion as to what was our duty as a Board of Foreign Missions. We addressed the President of the General Council as to our rights and duties in the case. We sought information from every possible source. We gave to the subject earnest prayer and careful study. It was reported that a student of Augustana College and Seminary had gone to Porto Rico and had commenced working in that field and the Rev. Dr. Blomgren, a member of the Board, kindly allowed us to read a letter that had been received by him from the young man just mentioned. For the sake of the information it contains we present this letter with our Report. It is as follows:

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, March 13, 1899.

Dr. C. A. Blomgren.

IMMANUEL:—I have read your letter, which I received this forenoon, with special delight. Sincere thanks. There are so many things to write about which I feel sure would interest you, that I hardly know where to begin. I will first of all try to answer your questions.

Are there any Lutherans here? The only ones that I have met are from the Danish Lutheran Colored Church on St. Thomas. Of these there are two fami-

lies and several young men who belong to our Mission. Also a young lawyer from a German Lutheran Church in Baltimore, Md, who has been my true friend. He was always ready with good advice, and subscribed ten dollars towards the payment of our organ, and last week before he left, he gave me fifteen dollars. Failing health compelled him to return to the United States. I have met no Englishmen, but a number of Germans, most of whom have cared little for the Church. I have been told that there are quite a number of Swedish and Danish Lutherans in Ponce, the largest city on the Island.

Are there any prospects for a Lutheran Mission?

To this question one can answer why not for the Lutheran as well as for the Reformed Church? I believe that the outlook for the former is better than for the latter, if the Lutheran Church is willing to sacrifice as much as the others are doing.

During the last two months not less than five American Boards have had representatives on the Island, namely: the Methodists, the Baptists, the Presbyterians, the Congregationalists and the Episcopalians.

How gladly I would have welcomed a representative from some Lutheran Board. All these representatives have called on me for information. The Baptists were the first to inquire about the field. The result was that their Board sent their best Missionary from Mexico to Puerto Rico. He preaches quite well in the Spanish language. He came to San Juan a month ago, but has not been able to secure a place for holding services. An Episcopal Missionary arrived here this week. He does not speak Spanish, and will probably preach to a few bankers and merchants of his denomination.

I forgot to state that the Baptists sent first a colored Missionary, who labored in Ponce to begin with, but without success. When he noticed in the English paper printed here that we were successful, he came to San Juan, but did not succeed in securing a place for holding services. He did not speak Spanish. He studied the language, but found great difficulty with the pronunciation. One day he left for St. Thomas without giving due notice of his departure and without settling his bills.

Mission work is carried on at present only in three cities, namely: San Juan, Rio Piedra and Ponce, but in the remaining 67 cities and the country districts nothing is done.

As the natives do not wish to overthrow infant baptism, that forms the greatest hinderance for the Baptists.

Is it right for us to carry on Mission work here? Yes, because the Catholic Church here is not like the one in the United States, but seems to me to be like the Catholic Church of the middle ages.

The people are nominally Catholics. The Priests are licentious with few exceptions. By transgressions of the third and sixth commandments the people has degraded itself.

The Mission work can be carried on here on various plans. Many of the inhabitants have already acquired the English, and wish to hear sermons and speeches in that language. The elder folks must be addressed in Spanish. One way is to teach English. It is by this means that I have made progress in my work. I have different classes here and there in the city. I also visit several of the public schools where I give an hour's instruction five days of the week. This has given me an opportunity for studying their customs, nature, views, faith, knowledge, etc., and gain their confidence and good will, and thus make friends among them. After this they are soon seen at the services. I especially wish to have with me an English speaking co-worker. Naturally one who knew Spanish would be preferable, but where is such an one to be found among us Lutherans?

If ten single men, who were willing to lead Missionary lives, would come here and settle down in ten different cities with enough means for their support for the first three months, I am sure that within one year's time we would have ten established Lutheran Missions.

These men could begin by teaching English and before long they could hold English services and organize Sunday-Schools, and in the meantime they could acquire the language. Thus Missions could be quietly established. Most of the Americans are found in San Juan and Ponce.

As you know I am not sent here by any Board nor am I supported by any individual, but I support myself by teaching, but have to devote rather too much time to this. It would be a great help to me if I could get some outside aid, as I could then devote more time towards acquiring the language and doing Missionary work.

During the last two months I have been aided to some extent in my work by an American Bible Colporteur, who has preached in Spanish, and I in English, but he has not been very successful as he seems to lack the gift of persuasion. He has been a minister in the Spanish Presbyterian Church at Havana.

Much more could be said, but my time is so limited that this will have to suffice.

May the blessings of God rest on our work.

Respectfully yours,

G. S. Swensson, (*Student.*)

In the consideration of the subject, Shall we undertake to do mission work in Porto Rico? certain objections were offered, certain questions presented themselves. For example: In view of the present status of affairs on our field in India, ought we entertain the idea of beginning a new work? Has the Board a right without specific instructions from the General Council to do work in any other place than India? Can that be called foreign mission work that is done in a country over which the flag of the United States waves? Will the Church support another Mission?

There was no desire on the part of any one to have the Board transgress its rights and privileges or to trespass on the field of another Board of the General Council, but there was a very decided conviction on the part of some that we as a Church ought not be slower than others in carrying the Gospel to the countries above named, that there was an emergency existing and that we had the right to do preliminary work and then report at this meeting of the General Council and ask for further instructions. Before a decision was reached an invitation was sent to the Board of Home Missions to meet our Board for a full and free discussion of the question at issue. The meeting was held at St. John's Church, Philadelphia. Three members of the Home Mission Board were present, while several expressed their views in writing. They all seemed to think that their Board could do nothing, and that if the Foreign Mission Board felt itself able to undertake the work there could be no objection to their so doing. At length, after several more meetings had been held, the Board resolved to extend a call to the Rev. B. F. Hankey, of Brick Church, Pa., and the Rev. H. F. Richards, of Zanesville, Ohio, to go to Porto Rico to begin mission work. It was the intention of this action that these brethren should go as soon as possible, report their impressions, the results of their work, etc., in time for

us to lay the whole subject before the Council, but as circumstances have delayed their starting until this month, the Board has requested them to delay still longer, that is until after the holding of this convention. These two brethren are now under call from the Board to go to Porto Rico as ministers and missionaries of our Church to teach and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all who will hear. They are preparing to go, and are only waiting for instructions and the order to depart.

Feeling confident that the General Council will approve of this effort to extend the Kingdom of Christ, we ask the Council to decide whether this work belongs to the Home or the Foreign Mission Board, and then to take such action as your decision may render necessary.

But this brings up another question, and one of a more general character, namely: What is the field of the Board of Foreign Missions? Is it India alone, or has it, by virtue of its appointment and as its name would imply, a right to go into Africa, China, Japan, Madagascar or wherever it finds an open door? We have been unable to find either in the Constitution of the General Council or in any of its proceedings anything like an answer to this question, and, as it claimed so much attention in recent meetings of the Board and may have a bearing on its work in the future, it is proposed now for your careful consideration.

CONCLUSION.

In the earnest hope that the General Council will approve of the action of this Board in the various departments of its work during the past two years, and with the fervent prayer to the Great Head of the Church that He will abundantly bless our Mission and every work begun, continued and carried on for the extension of His Kingdom and the saving of souls alive, we respectfully submit this our Report for the term ending August 31, 1899.

By order of the Board,

WM. ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER,
Cor. Secretary.

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